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Labour MP named as UK head of Russian-led group

By Michael Horsnell

A Conservative MP yesterday named a Labour MP as the leader in Britain of a Russian front organization dedicated to subversion of the free world.

Lord Orr-Ewing told the House of Lords in a debate on British relations with the Soviet Union that Mr James Lamond, MP for Oldham Central, is the British vice-president of the World Peace Council.

Claiming that the Russians work through 13 international front organizations to create dissent in the free world, he named Mr Alfred Lomas, MEP, deputy leader of the Labour group in Europe, as another member of the WPC as well as four further unnamed Labour MPs. The former Conservative Minister for Defence also listed leading British trades unionists as members.

He said: "The message to Russia from this debate is: your sincerity would be less suspect if you stopped training people from the free world to create dissent in their own countries and to destroy their own institutions. The message to Britons is: study the form of those who seek your votes."

The 13 organizations Lord Orr-Ewing listed were: The World Federation of Trade Unions, now based in Prague; the World Federation of Democratic Youth, based in Budapest; the International Union of Students; the International Association of Democratic Lawyers; the Women's International Democratic Federation; the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Association; the International Organisation of Journalists; the International Federation of Resistance Fighters; the World Federation of Scientific Workers; the International Institute for Peace, founded as a front for the World Peace Council; the Christian Peace Conference; the International Radio and Television Organisation; and the World Peace Council.

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Those were all Soviet-inspired and subsidized, and each of them spawned dozens of others which contrived in sometimes obscure ways to fool many worthy folk, Lord Orr-Ewing said.

In 1979, the most recent year for which figures are obtainable, the Russians spent $63 million on international organizations, of which $45 million was on the peace organizations.

Until the Labour Party abolished its prescribed list in 1973, it was impossible even to be a member of that once "great and honourable party" if membership of the WPC was held, Lord Orr-Ewing said.

The British end of the WPC is called the British Peace Assembly and its secretary, Ms Jean Pavett, is a communist. Its president is Mr Lamond, MP. And its monthly newsletter is edited by Mr Gordon Schaffer, a holder of the Lenin Peace Prize. The magazine consistently attacks Nato and the United States while praising Soviet initiatives in international affairs.

Lord Orr-Ewing said one would think that the appeal of such an outfit to British trades unionists would be non-existent. That was not true of their leaders, since several TUC leaders were concerned.

"Among its sponsors, the British Peace Assembly lists: Mr Ray Buckton of ASLEF, Mr Bill Keys of SOGAT, Mr Ken Brett of the AUEW, Mr Ken Gill of AUEW (Tass), Mr Jim Slater of the Seamen's Union, and Mr Alex Kitson of the TGWU, who is also a member of the World Peace Council." Lord Orr-Ewing also named Mr Ron Todd, general-elect of the TGWU, as a delgate to the World Peace Council's "notoriously propagandist" Prague peace assembly in 1983.

The World Peace Cncil had gloated over the decision of the finance and general purposes committee of the TGWO to affiliate "the union with the British Peace Assembly without consulting its 1.5 million members, in August 1984.

"This British plant is pledged by its constitution to support the peace initiative of the Kremlin's World Peace Council," Lord Orr-Ewing said. "It

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The Russians: Lieutenant-Colonel Cherkasov (top) with his family at Heathrow on the way home; and Captain Viktor Zaikin (left) and Mr Oleg Belaventsev

The Britons: Miss Robson; Captain Marshall (centre); Lieut-Comm Littleboy

Arms ban outburst by Soviet leader

From Richard Owen
Moscow

At a Central Committee meeting yesterday which placed his stamp firmly on the Kremlin after only six weeks in power, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov roundly accused the United States of not trying sto seek agreement with Russia during the first round of the Geneva arms talks, which ended yesterday. Mr Gorbachov also called for revolutionary changes in the Soviet economy, and has promoted three of his staunchest allies into the Politburo, including the head of the KGB, Viktor Chebrikov.

The Central Committee plenum – the first to be held since Mr Gorbachov, aged 54, succeeded Constantin Chernenko – also appointed Marshal Sergei Sokolov, the Defence Minister, as a candidate Politburo member. Marshal Sokolov took over from the late Marshal Ustinov last December but is a career soldier rather than a party man.

By [illegible] him Mr Gorbachov has continued the post-1973 practice of placing the military in the top party body. In his report to the plenum Mr Gorbachov said he would "spare no effort for the Soviet armed forces to have everything they need to defend our homeland".

The three new full Politburo members are General Chebrikov, aged 62, Mr Yegor Ligachov, aged 64, and Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, aged 55. Mr Ligachov and Mr Ryzhkov have both been moved straight into the Politburo from the Secretariat without intervening candidate mebership. Mr Ligachov, a reform-minded disciplinarian, has been in charge of party personnel and has overseen Mr Gorbachov's administrative shake-up. Mr Ryzhkov, seen as an energetic technocrat, is head of the Central Committee's reorganized economic department.

In another promotion Mr Viktor Nikonov, a little known official, joins the Secretariat to supervise agriculture.

In his report to the Plenum Mr Gorbachov, who is expected to meet President Reagan at the United Nations in New York in September, said Russia was ready to improve relations with America. "But the first stage of the Geneva talks, just completed, gives grounds for saying that Washington does not seek agreement with the Soviet Union."

Mr Gorbachov said: "This is to be seen if only from the fact that it refuses to discuss preventing the arms race from spreading to space simultaneously with the question of nuclear arms limitation and reduction." That was a violation of the January framework agreement.

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Gould sale expected to set record

From Geraldine Norman
New York

Sotheby's sale of the Florence J. Gould collection of Impressionist pictures in New York this evening is set to make more money than any other single collection in auction history. Sotheby's originally valued the collection at $25 million (about £19 million), but the figure is creeping upwards by the day.

Sotheby's is mounting its biggest ever marketing operation. Virtually every newspaper, magazine and television station in the United States has previewed the sale. "You coming to the Gould sale?" inquired an immigration officer at Kennedy airport as a Sotheby expert passed through Customs.

When Mr Alfred Taubman, the American financier, took over Sotheby's he promised to apply modern marketing techniques to the art business. This is his first big campaign backed by careful strategic planning. Parties, mainly champagne receptions, are the front line of attack.

Two new approaches have been pioneered. Most controversial is the offer of credit terms to rich collectors and institutions.

Secondly, small groups of rich collectors, museum curators and their advisers have been given special daily previews of the collection for the month before the sale.

Mrs Gould, the widow of Mr Frank Gould, an American railway millionaire, lived in a villa outside Cannes on the French Riviera until her death two years ago, at the age of 87.



Mrs Gould: Collector of impressionist art

Princess's father was 'nominal Nazi'

By Richard Dowden

A document released yesterday reveals Princess Michael of Kent's father as a disgruntled and disloyal member of the Nazi party, and confirms that after a ten-year conflict with it he was dismissed for disciplinary reasons in 1944.

The de-Nazification court in Bavaria did not accept Baron Gunther von Reibnitz's appeal for exoneration, but placed him in the category of a non-accused person, saying he was only a "nominal party member".

The 1948 ruling of the court, released by Kensington Palace last night, stated that although the Baron's activities did not amount to active resistance:

He was in conflict with the Nazis since 1934.

He only joined the Nazis because he thought they would bring economic recovery.

He went well beyond normal limits in helping victims of racial oppression.

He never served with the SS as a Sturmbannführer, which he held as an honorary rank, with no authority to give orders, merely the right to wear the uniform.

He never allowed himself to be influenced by party policies and came into conflict with a Gauleiter.

His devout Roman Catholic attitude incurred the displeasure of the party.

As early as 1940 he expressed the hope that Germany would lose the war so that Nazi power could be broken.

When he was dismissed in 1944 he was drafted into the Dirlewanger special detachment, a punishment group for criminals and dissidents, but managed to take refuge in his regiment in the regular army.

"The evidence has not adduced references to the effect that the accused should be regarded as a militarist or as having reaped any benefit. He was to be regarded as falling within the category of nominal party members since he took only a nominal part in National Socialism, and lent it only insignificant support," the document says.

The decision by the Upper Bavaria Appeal Tribunal of May 14, 1948, overruled the decision of the Moosburg Labour and Detention Camp of the previous year, which had placed him in the "less incriminated persons" category.

Baron von Reibnitz died in 1983.

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Legal fees total £650,000 as BBC loses libel case

By Colin Hughes

About £650,000 of the £900,000 costs the BBC has incurred over a libel action involving a *That's Life* programme on a Harley Street slimming expert will go to barristers and solicitors.

Mr Michael Beloff QC, acting for Dr Sidney Gee, and Mr Andrew Rankin QC, for the BBC, are expected to receive about £100,000 each. Their juniors will receive about £50,000 each for attending the case over 87 court days.

The BBC's case was prepared by its in-house solicitor, Mr Rhory Robertson, and Dr Gee's by Royds Barfield, of Crane Court, London.

The solicitors' bill for Dr Gee is estimated at £350,000.

Most of the remaining costs went on preparing papers, which each had to be copied 15 times, and paying about 50 witnesses expenses. One witness had to be flown first-class from the United States, and was put up in an expensive London hotel for several days. Dr Gee will also have claimed for the losses of earnings after spending nearly six months on the case.

Last March, when Mr Derek Jameson, former editor of the *Daily Star*, had to pay £75,000 costs to the BBC when he lost a libel case, the BBC was criticized for excessive expenditure by the judge.

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Row over Howe spy expulsions

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, was accused yesterday of mishandling the expulsion of five Soviet spies from Britain by attempting to make a deal in which the Government publicized two of the expulsions and allowed the other Russians to go quietly.

He was criticised in the Commons by Mr Denis Healey, Shadow Foreign Secretary, and Mr James Callaghan, the former prime minister, for not dealing with all the expulsions in the same way, and for proceeding in a manner which was difficult for the opposition and the Russians to understand.

Although announcing last Thursday that two officials were being expelled, the Government privately told the Russians the other three could go quietly if no action were taken against British diplomats. Moscow declined the offer and on Monday announced the expulsion of three Britons, which Sir Geoffrey told the Commons yesterday, was "wholly unwarranted".

Mr Healey said Sir Geoffrey and mishandled the issue and if all five diplomats had been treated the same way, the Government might have got an acceptable response.

Mr Callaghan asked why, if Sir Geoffery wanted to safeguard security, minimize damage to Anglo-Soviet relations and protect the British community in Moscow, he had given any publicity to the expulsions at all.

Sir Geoffrey said it was necessary to demonstrate that such activities could not be tolerated.

● The Foreign Office yesterday said it still hoped Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, would accept Sir Geoffrey's invitation to visit Britain, possibly next month (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes):

And officials in Whitehall are also still considering the Soviet invitation for a British delegation to take part in Moscow's VE-day 40th anniversary celebrations.

So, while both sides snarled at each other over the charges and counter-charges of spying, it seemed rather like business as usual.

Miss Carol Robson, one of the Britons being expelled by Moscow, telephoned her parents in Carlisle to reassure them she had "done nothing wrong".

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Owen triumphs in Commons skirmish

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Left-wing Labour MPs yesterday tried to prevent Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, from opening a Commons debate from his accustomed place.

But the skirmish, which was not sanctioned by the Labour Front Bench, left Dr Owen unmarked; and by the end of the day, the Social Democrats appeared to have made a small but potentially useful gain, at the expense of the Labour Party and to the chagrin of its leaders.

The occasion was one of the rare days when the Alliance parties are allowed, by courtesy of Labour, to choose the topic for debate. Dr Owen was to open it by moving a resolution urging the Government to amend the Trade Union Act, 1984, to require postal voting, with independent scrutineers, in almost all important trade union ballots.

The Labour left has equal distaste for Dr Owen and for what it considers are his party's anti-trade union views. Before the debate began they packed the front bench below the gangway, to deny him his usual place.

If they hoped to push him to the rear, they misjudged Dr Owen's tactical sense, not to mention his self-esteem. He moved instead to the Opposition dispatch box, by convention the preserve of the main Opposition party, and offered to speak from there.

He was pushed away by an indignant Mr John Prescott, Labour's employment spokesman. Then came more than half an hour of objections from Labour MPs and appeals for order from Mr Harold Walker, the Deputy Speaker.

As the demonstration continued, the Labour whips became more uneasy and the other parties increasingly contemptuous.

Dr Owen's lieutenant, Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, SDP MP for Stockton South, complained that the "bully boys and thugs" of the Labour Party were trying to stop free speech.

Sir Anthony Kershaw, Conservative MP for Stroud, spoke of "a loutish and vulgar display" by Labour to prevent free speech.

Mr Walker said the House was doing itself no credit, and although he said that no one had any right to any particular Commons place, except by convention, he begged the Labour ranks to make room for Dr Owen.

In the end Mr Walker had to

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More troops quitting Lebanon

From a Correspondent
Jerusalem

The second phase of the Israeli Army's withdrawal from Lebanon is expected to start either today or tomorrow, to coincide with the country's 37th Independence Day celebrations this week.

UN forces in southern Lebanon were quoted yesterday as saying the Israelis had dismantled all their installations and removed all heavy equipment from Tyre and the areas to the east.

In the eastern sector facing the Syrians in the Bekaa Valley, a senior Israeli officer who toured the area early this week said: "We are leaving nothing behind but the bare earth."

The withdrawal will leave some Israeli forces only in the narrow buffer zone, up to 10 miles wide south of the Litani River, which Israel intends to maintain

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NATURE WALKS. BUSINESS RUNS.

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IT'S BEEN WORKING FOR CENTURIES.

Managers' pay rises twice those of manual workers

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Managers' salaries rose by more than 5 per cent last year after inflation – almost twice the average wage rise of manual workers. The gap is expected to widen further this year after high company profits.

The British Institute of Management's annual national remuneration survey, published yesterday, which also discloses big increases in bonus payments to managers and directors, will come as an embarrassment to the Government, which is attempting to hold down public sector wage rises.

The institute said: "This year the economy is expected to recover some of the ground lost through the miners' strike. On past evidence this will produce significant upward pressure on wages; it is questionable whether company negotiators will feel the climate is right for them to achieve the target set by the Government of restricting wage growth to 4 per cent."

It also predicted that there could be a swing back towards provision of lucrative fringe benefits for managers after the changes in National Insurance announced in the Budget. It is encouraging companies to allow senior executives to "moonlight" by taking part-time, self-employed work and avoid the higher insurance burden.

The survey, covering 19,203 individuals in 342 companies, shows that the average basic salary for managers last year was £16,892 and for directors £35,160. That represents an average increase of 10.6 per cent compared with the previous year, falling to 5.1 per cent after tax, National Insurance and inflation adjustment.

Mr Roy Close, retiring director-general of the institute, said: "For the first time in many years managers' net real pay has improved at a better rate than did national earnings. To a large extent this reflects the increased profitability of many companies."

Despite the increases, the institute says that middle managers in Britain remain worse off than almost all of their counterparts in other European countries.

Gross salaries in the new survey range from a top average for chief executives of companies with turnover of more than 500 million of nearly £93,000, to little more than £10,000 for the lower rung of middle management.

Average gross salaries in companies with sales of less than £20 million range from £30,833 for chief executives to £10,859 at the bottom of the scale.

Almost 44 per cent of managers receive a bonus, which last year averaged £1,486, an increase in cash terms of 22 per cent on the previous year. For directors, bons payments averaged £5,548, up by 26 per cent, and more received by 41 per cent.

Almost 87 per cent of directors' bonuses were based on company performance or a combinato with persoal performance. Fifteen per cent of managers' bonuses were related to personal performance or a mixture, and these averaged £1,984.

National Management Salary Survey 1985: Remuneration Economics, Survey House, 51, Portland Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2SH. (Survey, £110; review, £70).

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Rates increases blamed on policy change by Government

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

A policy change by the Government in 1981 cost ratepayers an extra £3,000 million on their rates last year, according to Sir Gordon Downey, the Comptroller and Auditor General.

In an official report, released yesterday, on the Rate Support Grant system, he said: "One of the main purposes of central government's financial support of local authorities has always been to transfer part of the cost of providing local authority services from rates on to the wider and more equitable range of national taxes.

"This was confirmed as recently as December 1981. Since then the emphasis in government policy has been more on enhancing local accountability by reducing the proportionate amount of government support".

Because of that change of policy, government support was cut from 61 per cent in 1980-81 to 48.3 per cent in 1984-85, increasing the ratepayers' burden by "almost a third, or about £3 billion in cash terms for 1984-85.".

Sir Gordon said: "Over the same period the average rate poundages for domestic ratepayers rose from 100.1p to 160.1p, an increase of 60 per cent, and for non-domestic ratepayers from 117.5p to 178.7p, an increase of 52 per cent.

"These increases can, therefore, be attributed more to the reduction in the proportion of government grant than to increases in local authority spending".

Sir Gordon said that local accountability had in fact been diminished because of ambiguities and confusions in a system which was so complex "that many officers and members of local authorities had abandoned the attempt to fully understand it".

The Government had also unduly increased the business rate while it was expressing concern "about the heavy burdens which local rates imposed on business and commerce, which have no voting power and only limited influence on local rating decisions," he said.

The Government will undoubtedly be embarrassed by the verdict of Sir Gordon's report. Mr Jack Straw, an Opposition spokesman, said last night that it would be used as one of Labour's weapons in the county council election campaign.

"It proves beyond doubt our claim that it is the Government that is to blame for rate rises," he said.

Operation of the Rate Support Grant System (National Audit Office: Stationery Office, £4.50).

Union officials against new leadership vote

By David Felton Labour Correspondent

A number of senior officials in the Transport and General Workers' Union believe tomorrow's emergency meeting of the union executive should not sanction a fresh leadership ballot, even if one is requested by Mr Ron Todd, the general secretary elect, who won last year's election.

The executive has been called into session to consider a letter from Mr Todd currently the TGWU national organizer, which is widely thought to call for a new vote to lift the cloud of suspicion hanging over the union. Mr Todd has asked to be allowed to explain the letter to the executive.

But last night officials from both the left and right argued strongly that there should not be a re-run of the election because a new vote would, they said, be bowing to a media campaign.

Tomorrow's meeting will probably debate a motion from the moderate northern region which calls on the union to resist attempts to force another election for the general secretary's job, which Mr Moss Evans is due to vacate in July. Voting in the region, based on Newcastle, was 2-1 in favour of the defeated candidate Mr George Wright.

It was being suggested by officials that, at the very least, the union should await the outcome of the investigations into the 29 complaints sent to Transport House concerning the conduct of the election, won by Mr Todd by the comparatively narrow margin of 45,000 votes.

There are no clear indications of how the vote on a new election would go.

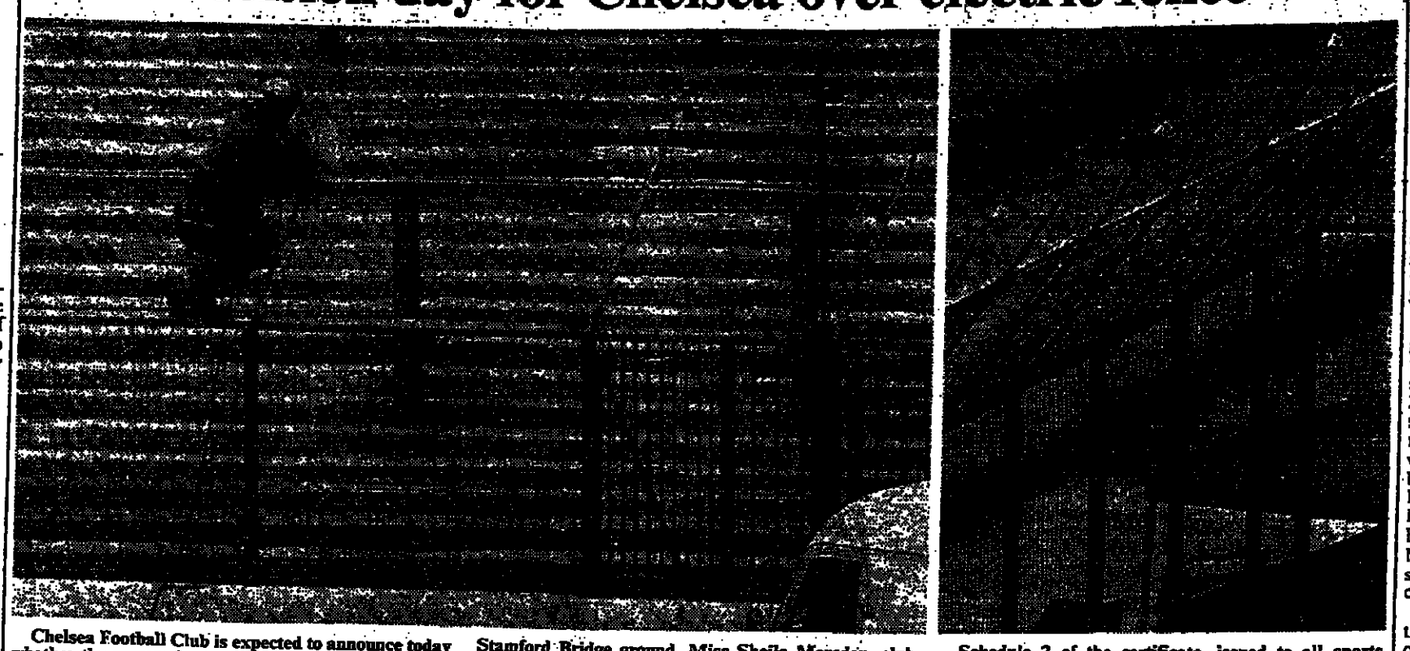
Supporters of Mr Todd felt that if he told the executive he would not be able to function properly as general secretary without the allegations being completely cleared up, the executive would find it very difficult to reject a new vote.

Other influential figures in the union were said to be in favour of a new vote, including Mr Jack Jones, the former general secretary.

Mr Evans has said that he will postpone his retirement in July, when he will be 60, to see the controversy resolved.

Mr Wright, who last week called for a new vote to dispel the uncertainty, was earlier this week supported by Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party.

Decision day for Chelsea over electric fence



Chelsea Football Club is expected to announce today whether the current in its electric fence (above) will be switched on to keep supporters in their place at Saturday's match with Tottenham Hotspur.

The club's chairman, Mr Ken Bates, who has been taking legal advice, will announce the outcome of the discussions at noon when he had planned publicly to unveil the fence.

The 11ft fence carrying a 12-volt electric charge has been installed and is fully operational at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge ground, Miss Sheila Marsden, club secretary, confirmed yesterday.

But the Greater London Council has warned Chelsea that if it continues with its plans without seeking planning permission, the council will apply for a High Court injunction to have the ground closed.

Alterations to the perimeter fence must comply with the Safety at Sports Grounds Act 1975 and would require an amendment to the ground's general safety certificate.

Schedule 2 of the certificate, issued to all sports grounds, provides that: "Any alteration or addition to a stadium, whether permanent or temporary, shall not be made except with the prior consent of the council."

Responsibility for overseeing crowd control arrangements was vested in local authorities after a stairway at Ibrox Stadium, home of Glasgow Rangers, collapsed in 1971 killing 66 supporters. **Leading article, page 13**

(Photograph: Chris Harris)

Unilever switches to coal power

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Unilever yesterday became the latest company to announce a switch from oil to coal with a £14 million project to convert its power station at Port Sunlight on Merseyside.

Unilever, a soap and detergent producer, will benefit from the Government's coal conversion scheme, which pays up to 25 per cent of the cost. The scheme was badly hit during the miners' strike, which ended five weeks ago, but since responsibility was transferred from the Department of Trade and Industry to the Department of Energy under the Coal Industry Minister, Mr David Hunt, several companies have revived conversion plans.

Unilever's decision means the coal board's western region order book for industrial supplies will exceed the million tonne a year mark

The region, Cumbria, Lancashire, North Wales and Staffordshire, which will supply the company with 90,000 tonnes of coal, is to launch a sales campaign aimed at large industrial companies.

Newspapers dismiss printers

By Colin Hughes

The Kent Messenger Group, which publishes 12 weekly newspapers and one local daily, yesterday dismissed 144 print workers belonging to the National Graphical Association

The dismissal move is the latest in a growing number of similar disputes at local newspaper centres around the country over new technology which heralds far-reaching changes in working practices and printing job losses.

The management decided to issue notices to all NGA members after the union chapel refused to work last week, leading to none of the 500,000 combined group circulation being printed.

Mr Edwin Borman, group managing director, said talks were close to agreement on using the £400,000 machinery for computer typesetting classified advertisements. The union, however, last week gave management one hour to concede remaining points at issue.

"Until then we had accepted that use of the machinery would be suspended until agreement was reached, but the union started asking us physically to remove the equipment". After a weekend of sitting-in by print workers, and the loss of £200,000 in revenue from lost sales, the management decided to dismiss the printers.

The Kent dispute is being seen as arising from a dispute at the *Express and Star*, Wolverhampton, where the management won a High Court injunction against the NGA preventing secondary action.

Gallery may have to charge

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The National Gallery will introduce admission charges if government spending cuts continue to threaten its ability to make purchases in the world art market.

The gallery has been opposed to admission charges for many years but in its triennial report published yesterday, the retiring chairman, Lord Annan, said: "If we find that we become a dead gallery, unable to buy any painting of importance in the future, I feel the trustees may reconsider."

Lord Annan rejected the idea od a voluntary admission charge, at present being considered by the Victoria and Albert Museum. Such a scheme has been introduced at New York's Metropolitan Museum where the suggested entrance fee is $4 (about £3). "The trustees dont very much like this particular form of extracting money from the public. Either you charge, or it is free."

According to the gallery's figures if it charged an average of £1 but consequently lost 10 per cent of its 1984 entrance figure of nearly three million it would raise more than 2.6 million. That figure almost equals its present annual purchase grant from the Office of Arts and Libraries.

The gallery's trustees also bitterly criticized the level of its present purchase grant which meant, it said, that the body could no longer compete on the world market for paintings.

The trustees report says: "The announcement by Lord Gowrie (the Arts Minister) the the purchase grant for 1985/86 would be reduced from £3.3 million to £2.75 million is a remarkable example of the truth of the Pauline injunction that 'whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth'. The cut amounts to 16.67 per cent but in real terms is twice as large.

The increasing number of purchases by American institutions and individuals has led to paintings being usually valued in dollars, the gallery says.

"In dollar terms our grant is being reduced by no less than 33.4 per cent, and that today is the real measure of the reduction we are obliged to accept. Our ability therefore to continue acquiring paintings for the nation perpetuity will be undermined on an unprecedented scale."

Lord Annan said that the gallery had now to search for benefactors such as the Sainsburys, who are to pay for its new extension, to fund new acquisitions.

The report calls for the formation of a committee by Lord Gowrie charge with considering improvements to the present tax system to help the funding of museums and galleries.

It says: "The in-lieu arrangements, whereby owners of works of art offer them to the nation in lieu of a capital tax liability, are at present particularly disadvantageous.

Whitehall backs bigger scheme for jobless

By Our Labour Correspondent

A substantial increase in the Community Programme, the employment scheme designed to help the long-term unemployed, is being discussed by senior Whitehall officials to securing government approval in the next Budget.

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in last month's Budget a 100,000 increase in places on the present scheme, which can cater for 130,000 people. Officials believe that if they can meet a target of creating half the new places by Christmas, ministers will by sympathetic to increasing the programme to 350,000

More than 50 per cent of the long-term unemployed are between the ages of 18 and 25. They qualify if they have been out of work for more than six months. For the first time the expanded programme announced by the Chancellor will include an element of training.

Others eligible are those over 25 who have not worked for more than 12 months. They work on schemes regarded as of value to the community, such as tidying derelict sites, for voluntary organizations and local authorities on environmental projects. They are paid the local "going" rate, an average of £63 a week.

The Government has seen the value of the programme in combating the problem of the long term unemployed, well in excess of one million, while undertaking projects to improve the environment.

It is suggested in Whitehall that the 50 per cent increase in the programme which officials have chosen would be achievable and also take the sting out of criticims of the all-party employment trust which suggests an increase in the Community Programme to 500,000 places a year.

Crowds join docklands home queue

A block of flats in Wapping in London's docklands, which for two years was derelict and occupied by squatters, yesterday had nearly 50 people queuing to claim the newly refurbished maisonettes when they go on the market on Saturday.

The first people to reserve their home started the queue on Sunday, and if, or rather when, the queue reaches 49 people who are qualified and able to buy one of the maisonettes, the developers, Regalian, will end their cold vigil and allow them to complete the formalities in comfort.

The reason for the attraction of this development is twofold: the general demand for property in the docklands area; and the discounted price for the two-bedroom maisonettes – £26,500 – arranged for people nominated from the Tower Hamlets council waiting list.

A further 115 similar maisonettes in the same development, offered at £43,000, go on sale on the open market in 10 days' time.

Ragalian, which won the development in open tender, had to provide 30 per cent of the units for Tower Hamlets nominees at the lower price



Home seeker: A woman in the docklands queue

under an agreement with the London Docklands Development Corporation.

About 500 people applied, some of whom do not qualify, but have lived in the Wapping area.

Those who buy at £26,500 but leave after a year will be able to take only 25 per cent of the profit, rising to 50 per cent after two years, 75 per cent after three, and the full amount after four years.

Teachers' panel rejects informal pay talks

By David Lister of *The Times Educational Supplement*

The teachers' pay dispute intensified last night when the largest teachers' union, the National Union of Teachers, rejected an offer by the employers to hold informal talks to try to settle the dispute.

The NUT used its majority on the teachers' panel, which negotiates for teachers on pay in the Burnham Committee, to outvote the other teacher unions, all of which were keen to have informal talks.

Leaders of the NUT said at the private meeting of the panel that the employers were "bluffing" and mounting a public relations exercise.

It is, however, significant that in the formal Burnham committee only Mr Fred Jarvis the NUT's general secretary is allowed to speak for the teachers. In any informal talks all the other teachers' unions would have been able to make their views known.

Other union leaders are convinced this played an important part in the NUT's decision that the teachers' side would have nothing to do with informal talks.

Mr Nigel De Gruchy, deputy general secretary of the second largest union, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers said last night he was "astonished that the NUT had locked shut a door that seemed to be opening" and added that the decision not to have talks about talks would only prolong the dispute.

Mr Giles Radice, Labour's education spokesman, was critical of the NUT decision yesterday. He believed that talks should begin as "soon as possible, be they formal or informal."

The teachers are claiming a flat-rate rise of £1,200, equal to 12.5 per cent. The employers have offered 4 per cent.

● A call for new investment in education was made yesterday in a report by the Trade Union Research Unit at Ruskin College, Oxford.

● Scottish secondary schools face widespread disruption today when two unions, the Educational Institute of Scotland and the Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association, stage a one-day stoppage. The Scottish teachers are pressing for an independent salary review.

● Sir Keith Joseph Secretary of State for Education and Science, yesterday quashed hopes of extra money from the Government to settle the teachers' dispute.

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Tories veto candidate's address

By Hugh Clayton
Local Government Correspondent

Mr Roger Parker-Jervis, Conservative chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council, said yesterday that the party had vetoed his address to voters for next week's election. The dispute comes after a long series of disagreements that have turned Mr Parker-Jervis into one of the most vocal Conservative critics in the shires of the Government's financial policies towards local councils.

The rejected text was meant to appear on one side of a leaflet. The other side of the leaflet carries a county-wide



Conservative message which says that since the last election four years ago "your Conservative council has continued to remind Government of the special need for a more flexible system of local finance in fast-growing Buckinghamshire".

The message that Mr Parker-Jervis wanted to issue to voters in his Naphill ward is sharper. "County services are adequate and efficient, but this is threatened by Whitehall failing to allow the county fair play financially," it states.

"Despite our strife with ministers, they respect our stance and acknowledge our efficiency, but they are entangled in local government law which needs reform," it concludes. "Please help us to help them."

Mr Parker-Jervis has been on the council for 18 years

Mr Alan Grant, a Conservative councillor and the new chairman of the local Conservative Association, said yesterday that he wanted to discuss the text proposed by Mr Parker-Jervis. Asked if he had supported a veto of the text, he said: "I am not commenting on that until I have spoken to him."

Mr Ray Whitney, the Conservative MP for Wycombe whose constituency covers Naphill, said that election messages for candidates were a matter for the local Conservative Association. "There were one or two words in it that I found surprising, and so did the officers of the association."

IRA expels leading member

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Disagreements within the ranks of the Provisional IRA and Sinn Fein over the "armalite and ballot box" approach has led to the dropping of a prominent member of the ruling army council just as the political wing starts its campaign for next month's local government elections.

Unless the disagreements are contained the unhappiness within the Provisional IRA about future strategy could lead to a split in ranks. The divisions already threaten to hamper the political wing's electoral campaign.

Hard line members have been growing increasingly disillusioned with the present leadership. It is particularly critical of the high profile emphasis on political work and the lack of military activity especially in Belfast where last year the Provisional IRA murdered four people including a Roman Catholic who they alleged was involved in organized crime.

There is also opposition to the amount of money that is required to finance Sinn Fein's electioneering and involvement in community politics including the expense of running a chain of advice centres across the province.

Mr Ivor Malachy Bell, aged 47, the man dropped from the army council has considerable experience in Provisional circles

He and his supporters have opposed the present strategy. The speed with which he has been ousted is believed to be an attempt to minimize the risk of growing dissention within the Provisional's ranks. It is understood they have been given a warning that if they join any other organization or begin a rival movement they will be shot.

● The New York policemen who led a demonstration in support of the IRA last summer during a trip to Ireland are planning to do the same again.

Press conferences are to be held simultaneously in New York and Dublin within the next 10 days to announce plans for the visit in August by the Emerald Society's Pipe and Drums Band. The band consists mainly of New York City policemen.

Managers' salary increases last year

	1984* survey		1985* survey			
	Average gross salary	Average net salary	Average gross salary	Average net salary	% increase gross	% increase net
Chief executive	43,361	25,678	47,947	28,112	10.6	9.5
Deputy chief executive	40,577	24,563	45,424	27,103	11.9	10.3
Other directors	29,848	19,732	33,403	21,884	11.9	10.9
Senior function head	23,994	16,774	26,803	18,484	10.9	10.2
Function head	20,659	14,940	22,567	16,282	9.2	9.0
Senior management I	17,697	13,196	19,167	14,272	8.3	8.2
Senior management II	15,311	11,536	17,190	12,980	12.3	12.3
Middle management I	13,121	10,023	14,186	10,870	8.1	8.4
Middle management II	11,445	8,850	12,505	9,700	9.3	9.6
	* Year ending Jan 1, 1984		* Year ending Jan 1, 1985			

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Three cities bid for Olympics

By Craig Seton

London, Birmingham and Manchester yesterday all staked a claim to be the British city best suited to go forward to challenge six international rivals for the right to stage the 1992 Olympic Games, which are likely to cost between £700 million and £1000 million.

They announced they were submitting their bids to be considered by the British Olympic Association on July 12 before the name of the successful British applicant, if one is chosen, is forwarded to the International Olympic Committee to be judged in October 1986 alongside those of Barcelona, Paris, Amsterdam, Belgrade, New Delhi and Brisbane.

The hurried announcement by the three British cities indicated a sudden awareness that some of their international rivals have been preparing bids for up to two years

London's bid is being made by the City of London Corporation because the proposed abolition of the Greater London Council, due next April, will leave the city without any other general representative authority.

Sir Alan Traill, the Lord Mayor of London, has written to the British Olympic Association submitting a preliminary bid as work gets under way to prepare a formal presentation which, presumably will include the details about proposed financing and facilities that were lacking in yesterday's brief announcement. London staged the Olympic Games in 1908 and 1948.

The Birmingham bid will be made on behalf of a Midlands consortium including Nottingham, Leicester and Coventry. The city council is investing £110,000 in a feasability study of the considerable facilities it would need

In Manchester, a consortium, the Manchester Olympic Bid Committee, has been impressed during a fact-finding tour to Los Angeles which staged the 1984 Olympics through private funding

Baron nominal party member, tribunal said

The full text of the Upper Bavarian appeal tribunal decision, delivered on May 14, 1948, in the appeal by Princess Michael's father, Baron Gunther von Reibnitz, is as follows:

Upper Bavarian Appeal Tribunal
Moosburg-Dachau senate, Moosburg, May 14, 1948
Appeals register number 859/48
Reference number at first instance: 9464

Pursuant to the dé-Nazification and demilitarization law of March 5, 1946, the Upper Bavarian appeal tribunal, Moosburg-Dachau senate, comprising:

1. Dr Alfred Lochner – president
2. Joseph Gerkens – judge
3. Martin Fischer – judge

Renders the following judgement in the written proceedings against Freiherr Gunther von Reibnitz, born on September 8, 1894, in Schönblick, landowner and insurance agent, of Percha near Starnberg:

1. That on appeal by the accused, the judgement of the court of the Moosburg labour and detention camp of April 24, 1947, be set aside.
2. That the accused be placed among the category "nominal party members".
3. That proceedings be stayed.
4. That the costs of both instances be borne by the state.
5. That the accused pay an administrative fee of DM50.
6. That the establishment of the value of the dispute remain reserved.

(Official seal missing). The tribunal president, signed Dr Lochner
The judges:
Signed Joseph Gerkens
Signed Martin Fischer.

Reasons:

Pursuant to the judgement of the court of the Moosburg labour and detention camp of April 24, 1947, the accused was placed in the category of less incriminated persons".

The accused appealed against this decision within time and in proper form. The appeal is admissible: Articles 46 and 47.

The appeal senate of Moosburg-Dachau is competent to render a judgement on the appeal: Article 298.

The public prosecutor upon application of Article 17 VIII, petitioned in by proceedings for the accused to be classified within group 4.

The accused petitioned for exoneration.

The accused, as a member of the party from 1931 to 1945, as a member of the cavalry-SS from 1934 to 1944, Sturmbannführer from 1937, and regional chief ranger from 1937 until 1944, comes within part A D II 4, E 12 and G II 5E of the appendix to the law and is regarded as being within group 1.

Reference is made to the facts established by the court as first instance.

The presumption of Article 6 was rightly regarded as disproved. The presumption of Article 10 was however also disproved. The accused joined the party in 1931 in the belief that National Socialism would bring about economic recovery. Moreover, he continued to be politically inactive and accepted no party office.

As a horse breeder and devotee of equestrian sport, the accused became a member of the cavalry-SS in 1934.

The accused had been an active hunter from early childhood. He was appointed chief ranger and in 1934 became regional chief ranger.

As such, he was promoted on an honorary basis to SS-Sturmführer. Following his promotion in the Wehrmacht the accused was appointed first as SS-Sturmführer and later on as SS-Sturmbannführer, corresponding to his rank of captain. The accused never served with the SS in such rank. As such, he had no authority to give orders of any kind and had merely the right to wear the uniform and hold the rank (Doc. 44). It was thus a matter of a pure honorary rank.

Even in his capacity as regional chief ranger in 1934, the accused came into conflict with the National Socialist Party authorities – a conflict which intensified over the years such that in 1944 he was dismissed from the ranks of the SS for disciplinary reasons and transferred to the infamous Dirlewanger special detachment (Doc. 42). The accused managed to avoid entry into this detachment by seeking and finding refuge with his regiment in the regular army. In his capacity as regional chief ranger, the accused never allowed himself to be influenced by party policies (Doc. 27). He made no secret of his disappointment over political developments and frequently found himself in difficulties with Gauleiter Bracht (Doc. 28). The accused did not allow himself to be guided by political consideration when appointing chief rangers such that, as hitherto, Jews were permitted to participate in hunting activities (Doc. 31).

He never made any secret of his desire to stand apart from the party (Doc. 36). As early as 1940, he expressed the views that one could only hope that Germany would lose the war since that was the only way in which the Nazis' predominance could be broken (Doc. 38).

The accused concerned himself to the greatest possible extent with the well-being of foreign workers (Doc. 103). He went well beyond the normal limits in helping those subjected to racial persecution (Docs. 1 and 2).

The evidence has not adduced references to the effect that the accused should be regarded as a militarist or as having reaped any benefit. He was to be regarded as falling within the category of nominal party members since he took only a nominal part in National Socialism and lent it only insignificant support. The accused was not a member of any organization condemned as criminal in the Nuremberg judgement.

The petition for exoneration could not be allowed. The acts enumerated in the written pleadings of November 26, 2 1946 (Doc. 20) meet the requirements of Article 39 II in their entirety. They are insufficient, however, to meet the concept of active resistance within the meaning of Article 13.

According to the medical appraisal by the provincial insurance office of Upper Bavaria (Doc. 108), the accused falls within disabled category III. Pursuant to section 1, sub-paragraph 2 of the law of February 5, 1947 (Christmas amnesty) the proceedings had to be stayed.

The accused therefore is equivalent to a non-accused person.
Costs: fee rodinance. para 5
Official seal (missing).
The president of the senate.
signed Dr Lochner.
To: Freiherr Gunther von Reibnitz, Percha, near Starnberg.

This judgement has become final. The correctness of the official copy is certified. Dachau, 14/5/1948. The office of the appeal tribunal for Upper Bavaria, Dachau senate.
(Signature)
Head of the office.

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Austria Sch 29; Belgium B Frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 70 cents; Denmark Dkr 9.00; Finland Mrk 9.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.00; Greece Dr 120; Holland Ct 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2000; Luxembourg Lf 38; Malaysia $sc 12; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 7.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 120; Singapore $6.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 2.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 150

Doctor's libel action over 'That's Life' costs BBC more than £1m

An 87-day libel action ended yesterday with the BBC agreeing to pay £75,000 damages and costs estimated about £1 million over a *That's Life* programme on a Harley Street slimming expert.

The costs of the action, brought by Dr Sidney Gee, aged 63, are the highest in an English court. The High Court hearing began last October.

That's Life was said to have made Dr Gee out to be "a profiteering, unscrupulous quack" who was unfit to remain in practice after allegedly prescribing drugs that nearly killed a patient.

The programme, in June 1983 featured Mrs Margaret Day, aged 46, a child care assistant, from Binfield, Berkshire.

After treatment by Dr Gee Mrs Day's weight fell by more than two stone, from just under 16 stone. She developed cardiac complications, which *That's Life* blamed on her treatment.

Dr Gee of Chester Close North, Regents Park, north London, denied prescribing dangerous amounts of drugs or acting unlawfully, improperly or in breach of the rules of his profession.

He denied an allegation of prescribing a "cocktail of drugs" and claimed that the programme's presenter, Esther Rantzen, had "put the stiletto in" by setting her programme up as a self-appointed court and indulging in character assassination.

Yesterday, his counsel, Mr Michael Beloff, QC, told Lord Justice Croom-Johnson that the BBC acknowledged that it was supplied with information which was incorrect in respect of Mrs Day and recognized that the programme dealt inadequately with certain important and complex issues.

Mr Beloff said that the BBC regretted that, in the course of preparing the programme their journalists "obtained entry to his surgery and interviewed him to the distress of Dr Gee, his staff and his patient."

The agreed damages were warded against the BBC, Miss Rantzen and two members of the *That's Life* team, a reporter, Mr Gavin Campbell; and its editor, Mr Gordon Watts.

Mr Andrew Rankin, QC, their counsel said all parties were happy that a settlement had been reached. "If the case had gone on it could have lasted until the end of the year, thereby adding to costs which have already reached enormous and burdensome proportions."

A term of the settlement was that neither side would make any out-of-court comments.

Dr Gee, who in addition to his Harley Street practice, has a surgery in Victoria Street, Rochester, Kent, was in court throughout the hearing.

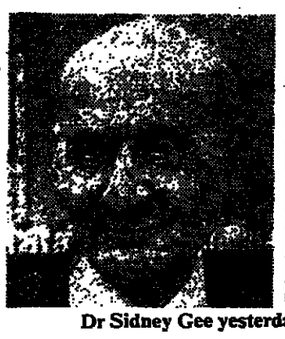
The trial began with a jury, but it was discharged when the hearing, which was largely taken up with detailed medical evidence, after a procedural irregularity.

The case was also dogged by ill-health. Mr Rankin began the case in a wheelchair because of a leg complaint, the BBC's solicitor appeared on crutches after a leg operation, the judge caught influenza, a juror was taken ill and the court usher collapsed in court, halting the day's session.

Also, Judge Sir David Croom-Johnson, aged 70, has not been able to take up his new position of a Lord Justice of Appeal for five months.

The trial fell 14 days short of the record length set in March 1981 by the unsuccessful libel case brought against the *Daily Mail* by the Moonies religious sect. (Costs then were £750,000.

But a second libel action brought by Dr Gee against Mrs Day's general practioner, Dr Clemency Mitchell, from Reading, Berkshire, and a cardiac specialist, Dr Roger Blackwood, from Windsor, Berkshire, which has been running in parallel, will continue today.




Dr Sidney Gee yesterday and Esther Rantzen.



Puppet approval: A model "Prince of Wales", from the independent television series, *Spitting Images*, lending backing yesterday to the proposed Puppet Centre in a GLC-owned building in Covent Garden, London. The GLC Covent Garden panel will decide next month whether to allow development plans for the building, a former casino, that would open the way for the centre to move from its three rooms in Battersea, south London (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Inquest warning on pets and babies

A veterinary surgeon told a coroner yesterday that dogs need more love and affection when a baby arrives in a family.

Mr Russell Williams was speaking at the inquest on a baby who was savaged to death by a pet terrier.

Dr John Burton, the Hammersmith coroner, recorded a verdict of death by misadventure on Mary Michelle Dee aged three weeks who died at Charing Cross Hospital on January 17 after being attacked while asleep at her grandmother's home in Filmer Road, Fulham, west London.

Mr Williams said: "Dogs have a lot of natural instincts, and human ones such as jealousy. They need careful handling when there is a new arrival in the family, especially when the owner transfers affection from the dog to the baby.

The 18-month-old dog, Jock, was later put down.

Professor David Bowen, a pathologist, said there was no doubt that the wounds were caused by the dog.

The baby's grandmother, Mary Alderman, told of the moment she looked into the bedroom and saw the dog on top of the baby.

She said: "I grabbed hold of the baby straight away. She never left my arms until she got to the hospital. She just made a sighing sound. I could see she was fading away."

Bird inquiry

The Ministry of Agriculture is investigating the death of a Red Kite, one of Britain's rarest birds of prey found in Hamsterley Forest, near Bishop Auckland, Co Durham, and possibly poisoned illegally.

Tachograph convicts sex attacker

James Temple, aged 26, a van driver of Willesden, north-west London, was convicted at Windsor Crown Court yesterday of attempted rape, robbery, and assault on the evidence of his delivery van's tachograph.

The police received reports that his van had been seen on the day of the assault in August last year speeding away from a lay-by on the A35 near where the assault occured in the New Forest, near Burley, Hampshire.

His van's tachograph confirmed the date, time and duration of his stop. His victim, a West German teacher, aged 58, suffered a broken nose and 20 wounds. He also left fingerprints on a map that the woman was carrying.

The judge has asked for a psychiatric report before sentencing Temple.

Jail for attack on barrister

Mr Justice Hazan, QC, said at the Central Criminal Court yesterday: "The streets of London must once again be made safe for people to walk without being subjected to violent attacks," when he sentenced Abdel Aziz Echouafni, aged 25, a professional footballer from Morocco, to five years imprisonment for causing grievous bodily harm to a barrister.

Echouafni, who was also recommended for deportation, was studying in London and living in Chelsea when he attacked Mrs Lisa Spry-Leverton last August outside the former home of Mrs Margaret Thatcher, in Flood Street. Mrs Spry-Leverton, aged 35, was the "innocent and defenceless" victim of a cruel savage and sustained attack, the judge said.

Film ban on BBC continues

The ban on the BBC using an exclusive TV-am interview with Princess Michael of Kent was continued indefinitely by a High Court judge yesterday.

Mr Justice Walton, who last week described the pirating of the interview as "the most scandalous" breach of TV-am's copyright, continued injunctions forbidding use of the pirate film until a full trial of TV-am's claim for damages.

Police officer cleared of theft

A police inspector accused of stealing from his headquarters' social club was yesterday cleared on all charges after a four-day trial at York Crown Court.

It was alleged that a hidden video camera showed Inspector Michael Peacock, aged 46, of Studley Close, Northallerton, pocketing cigars and cash from the social club bar.

Train verdict

A verdict of death by misadventure was recorded at St Pancras coroner's court yesterday on Wayne Mitchell, aged 17, of Bowes Road, New Southgate, north London, who died after being hit by a train at Hatfield, Hertfordshire. The court was told he had been drinking heavily, and his alcohol level would have impaired his judgement.

Plea for church couple fails

By Richard Dowden

Mr Leon Britian, Home Secretary, has rejected an appeal by the Bishop of London, Right Rev Graham Leonard, to allow a Greek Cypriot couple who have taken sanctuary in a north London church to remain in Britain.

The couple, Mr Vassilis and Mrs Katerina Nicola, have been in the Church of St Mary, King's Cross, for 56 days.

The text of Mr Britran's reply to the bishop was not released, by Mr George Eugeniou, of the Cypriot Advisory Service, which is organizing the campaign, said that its tone was "courteous but firm".

The Home Secretary had ignored new evidence from Cyprus which strengthened the couple's case but gave an assurance that immigration officials would not try to force their removal from the church.

The resolution of the campaigners remains strong but Mr and Mrs Nicola looked tired. Mr Nicola said: "Life in the church has not been to comfortable but it is better than the conditions in a tent in a refugee camp in Cyprus."

The couple lost their home in the north of the island at the time of the Turkish invasion in 1974 and lived in camps before coming to Britain in 1976.

Mr Eugeniou said that the Cyprus social services had confirmed that the couple's families in the south of Cyprus would be unable to support them if they were sent back.

"The Cypriot community is very, very angry about this," he said.

Snowdonia view is saved

By John Young

About 300 acres on the mainland side of the Menai Strait, including one-and-a-half miles of coastline, have been acquired by the National Trust, it was announced yesterday.

The acquisition safeguards one of the most spectacular views in Britain: that of Snowdonia from Plas Newydd, the former home of the Anglesey family, which is owned by the trust although the present marquess lives there.

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the launching of Enterprise Neptune, the campaign to safeguard the most important stretches of Britain's remaining unspoilt coastline for the nation.

The trust is about half-way to its target of 900 miles in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and Lord Gibson, its chairman, chose yesterday to relaunch the campaign.

Scotland is the responsibility of a separate trust.

The trust is particularly concerned to prevent further development on the coasts of Northumbria, North Yorkshire, East Anglia and Wales.

It is also engaged in a battle with British Petroleum over the threat to Poole harbour and the Isle of Purbeck in Dorset, from the expansion of the Wytch Farm oilfield.

Law on housekeeping 'profit' may change

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Proposals to end sexual discrimination over ownership of housekeeping allowances and things bought with them are made by the Law Commission today.

At present, if a husband makes a housekeeping allowance to his wife, any savings she makes from it and anything bought with them belong to them both in equal shares, acording to the Married Women's Property Act, 1964.

But if an allowance is made by the wife to the husband, there are some old cases which say this belongs to the husband alone.

Under the commission's proposals, money made available by one spouse to another for their joint purposes, including money pooled, would belong to them both equally.

The changes reflect the altered status of women. Wives may sometimes earn more than their husbands, for example a doctor married to a clergyman. Or if a husband, such as a miner on strike, loses pay, he may depend on his working wife.

In 1961 only 29.7 per cent of all married women were in a paid job or looking for one, whereas in 1981 the figure was 49.5 per cent.

The Act says nothing about the allowance or anything bought for housekeeping, which it does not define. But goods bought with money left over from housekeeping allowances are jointly owned. So is any money left in the wife's account.

The husband is discriminated against in the case of gifts. If he pays for property which is put in his wife's name, it is usually presumed that he intended to make a gift. But if a wife pays for property in her husband's name, it is usually presumed that she did not intend a gift

In reviewing the law governing the transfer of money between spouses, the commission makes proposals for consultation which would apply only where a couple had not made their own agreement. They do not cover co-habitees. The commission hopes that the changes will reflect what most couples might in any case expect the law to be.

It would depend on the purpose for which the money is paid. Where funds were made available by one spouse directly or indirectly for the joint purposes of the couple, that money and any property acquired with it would be owned equally, unless there was agreement to the contrary. The new proposal would cover payment of instalments towards the purchase of any property.

Transfer of Money between Spouses – the Married Women's Property Act 1964. (Law Commission Working Paper 90: Stationery Office, £1.75.)

Family on social security hire Rolls to go to court

A homeless family living on state benefits, until recently in a four-star hotel, will travel to the High Court in Liverpool by Rolls-Royce next week after saving the £60 car hire charge from their weekly social security payments of £230.

The McDougall family are suing Liverpool City Council for £250,000, alleging that they were illegally dispossessed of a council house. The action includes personal damages for injury and suffering.

The family, Mrs Theresa McDougall, aged 76, a cancer victim, and her sons, Robert, aged 46, and Michael, aged 30, walked out of a suite at the city's Adelphi Hotel last month, complaining of bad conditions there.

They hired a minicoach, loaded their possessions and drove to Blackpool.

A spokesman for the Department of Health and Social Security said: "We can't breathe down their necks and say: 'This is silly or extravagant.' There is a certain amount of freedom about what they do with the benefit."

Thatcher to open London centre for Muslims

By Rupert Morris

A new London landmark and a unique feature of the capital's ever more multifarious culture is to be officially opened this week by the Prime Minister.

It is the Ismaili Centre, a curious-looking mass of polished granite opposite the Victoria and Albert Museum, in South Kensington, a place of meeting and worship for the 12,000-15,000 strong Ismaili Muslim community in London.

It will be open to the public by appointment, and later this summer will incorporate an art gallery, which is in the final stages of building.

The Aga Khan will be alongside Mrs Margaret Thatcher at the ceremony on Wednesday, when both leading Ismailis and representatives of the local British community will also be invited.

Prince Karim Aga Khan is the 49th Imam, descended from Hazrat Ali, who was the cousin and son-in-law of the Prophet Muhammad and is recognized by the Ismailis as the first Imam, or spiritual leader.

Group admits race Act breach

A women's group funded by the Greater London Council, yesterday admitted practising racial discrimination.

The Women's Reproductive Rights Information Centre had seriously considered only black women for a post it had advertised, an industrial tribunal in London was told.

The group was ordered to pay £250 compensation to Miss Lorrien Finley, aged 37, of Gaisford Street, Kentish Town, north-west London, who brought the case alleging discrimination.

Mr David Seven, the tribunal chairman, said that Miss Finley was "clearly discriminated against, contrary to the Race Relations Act". The compensation was for injury to her feelings.

Miss Finley answered and advertisement in *City Limits* magazine last May for a part-time advice worker

She was not short-listed or interviewed for the post, which eventually went to a black woman, and a letter rejecting her application said it had been decided "to short-list women of ethnic origin only".



Miss Lorrien Finley: 'clear case of discrimination'

Miss Ros Alexander, for the centre, told the hearing in Chelsea, south-west London: "The Women's Reproductive Rights do admit they breached the Race Relations Act and would ask the tribunal to make an assessment as to damages to be awarded. "We would submit that Miss Finley, regardless of our discriminatory conduct, would not have got the post."

Miss Margaret Berer, an information officer and bookkeeper at the centre, in Featherstone Street, Islington/Clerkenwell, north London who met Miss Finley before she applied for the job, said that she felt it might be difficult to work with her.

All the white women who did not get short-listed were told it was on ethnic grounds because "it was a way of being kind to them," she added.

TV ruling on National Front complaint rejected

London Weekend Television has rejected a Broadcasting Complaints Commission finding about a complaint by a National Front member, Mr Patrick Harrington, over the *London Programme*. (David Hewson writes).

Mr Harrington, who was at the centre of student troubles at the North London polytechnic, lost a complaint that a programme last May treated the dispute as between students and the National Front, and not as personal.

But the commission upheld a complaint that it was unfair for political opponents to make allegations without him having an opportunity to reply.

LWT said that Mr Harrington agreed to an interview on condition that he was not questioned about his early political history, which he now denies.

Mr. John Birt, director of programmes, said yesterday: "The BCC shows insufficient understanding of television journalism. The ruling dodges the issues raised by Mr Harrington's complaint and by implication advocates a code of practice for journalists which is neither practical nor proper."

Court told of dawn watch on egg collector

Investigators from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds raided homes, followed cars and watched parked vehicles at dawn in their hunt for illegal egg collections.

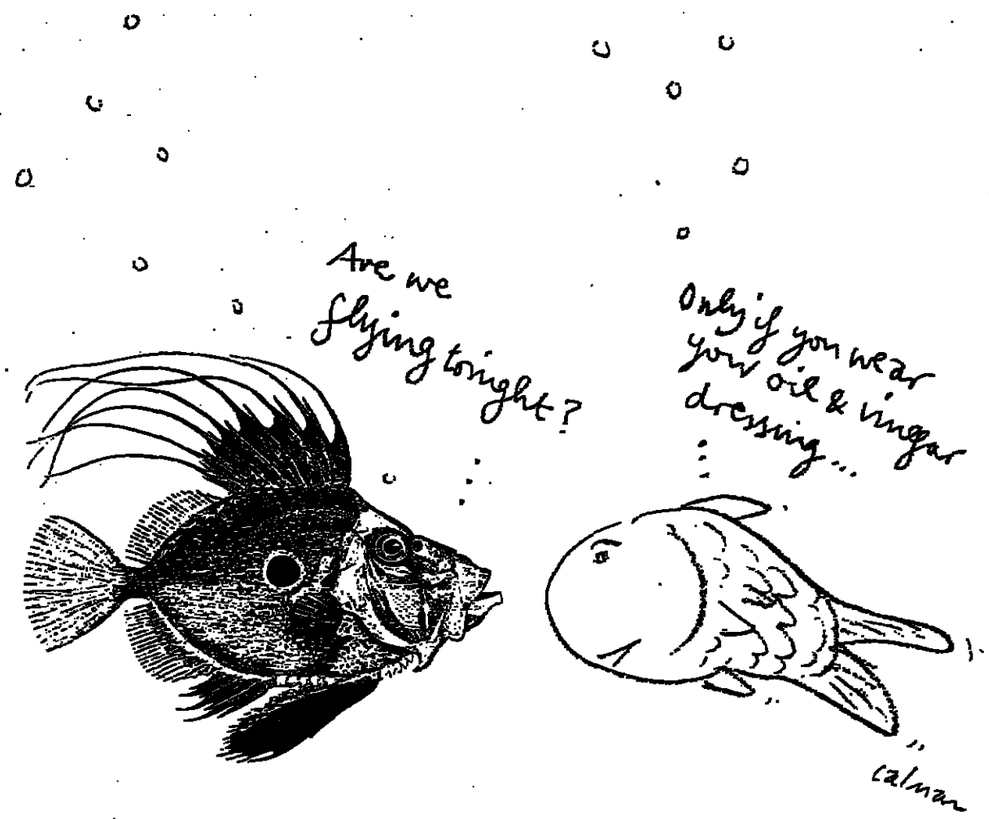
The officers, accompanied by detectives, entered the home of Colin Watson, aged 41, and also raided the home of his disabled son and elderly father.

More than 2,600 wild birds' eggs were recovered, including those of the golden eagle, osprey, sparrow-hawk and kite, magistrates at Selby, North Yorkshire, were told.

Mr Watson denied 13 counts of having the eggs in his control or possession in contravention of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981. He claimed that all but 16 eggs had been gathered since he was a schoolboy and before the Act became law.

Mr Watson, of Garmancarr Lane, Wistow, near Selby, claimed that the RSPB had offered him immunity from prosecution if he agreed to sign over his egg collection. He believed the RSPB was trying to use the law as a lever to get his egg collection for itself.

Magistrates adjourned the hearing until next month to give them time to study data cards produced by Mr Watson.



Somehow the first guppy in space
(courtesy of Russia's Soyuz 21) didn't quite capture the imagination.
The British have always taken their fish a little more seriously.
Mobil too. We purveyed vegetable frying oil to the
fish parlours of Manchester 80 years ago. Today it's the live ones
around our North Sea platforms and in the Thames by our refinery
that excite our interest. We make sure that every drop of water we use
is thoroughly cleaned before it's put back. (In fact it's
even cleaner than when we took it out).
That keeps our piscean neighbours swimmingly fit and healthy,
even if they're not high fryers.

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PARLIAMENT APRIL 23 1985 Expulsion of diplomats ● East-West relations ● Union elections

Howe seeks better relations with Russia

DIPLOMACY

The decision to expel Soviet diplomats from London had been taken on the basis of irrefutable evidence, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, told the Commons.

Replying to a private notice question by Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, the Foreign Secretary said the expulsions had been carefully judged to make them as consistent as possible with the Government's long-term desire to see a continuing improvement in relations with the Soviet Union.

Mr James Callaghan (Cardiff South and Penarth, Lab) asked why, if it was Sir Geoffrey's intention to safeguard British security, minimize any damage to Anglo-Soviet relations and to protect the British community in Moscow, he had given any publicity to the expulsion at all.

Sir Geoffrey Howe replied: Because if one is securing withdrawals in this way accompanied by a reduction in ceilings that inevitably leads to speculation about why that is happening.

In addition it is necessary in cases of conduct of this kind that threatens national security to demonstrate to all concerned, not just the the Soviet Union, that activities of this kind cannot be tolerated.

Governemnt policy towards the Soviet Union, he said in reply to Mr Healey, had been made clear to the Russians on numerous occasions, including most recently when informing them on expulsions.

We wish, he said, to improve relations with the Soviet Union. We have made considerable efforts in this direction which will be maintained. But they have been hampered by the unacceptable activities of certain Soviet officials in this country.

In the circumstances, and in accordance with our long-standing policy, we had no choice but to expel the officials concerned.

We deeply regret the retaliatory action taken against three members of the staff of our Moscow embassy. This was wholly unwarranted, and the accusations made against them without substance.

We have protested strongly to the Soviet authorities.

There can be no relaxation of our policy where our national security is concerned but we shall continue our policy of seeking to improve relations with the Soviet Union, and better relations between East and West.

Mr Healey: We approve his attempt to improve relations with the Soviet Union and welcome the progress he has made in recent weeks. That makes it all the more difficult to understand why he mishandled the behaviour of Soviet diplomats in this way.

As I understand it, the Foreign Office made it clear last night that it was prepared to ask three of the Soviet diplomats engaged in illegitimate activities to leave without publicity on condition that the Soviets did not expel British diplomats in retaliation.

Why did he not approach all five diplomats in the same way? He might in that case have got an acceptable response.



Healey: Difficult for foreign diplomats to understand

The way in which Sir Geoffrey has mishandled this case and made a distinction between the two expelled without publicity and the three expelled with the promise of no publicity is difficult not only for us but for foreign diplomats in Moscow to understand.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said he did not think Mr Healey could sustain that charge.

The Soviet Ambassador had been told last Thursday that Captain Oleg Los, assistant naval attache, and Mr Vyacheslav Grigorov of the Soviet airline Aeroflot had been found to be engaging in activities incompatible with their status in this country and should leave within seven days.

The Ambassador was at the same time informed that the Government wished the Soviet authorities to withdraw a further three officials within one month, again for activities incompatible with their status in this country.

He was told (Sir Geoffrey Howe said) that if in response to the expulsion of Captain Los and Mr Grigorov the Soviets expelled any member of the British community in Moscow we would publicly expel the three named officials.

The fact is the Soviet authorities chose to ignore that warning and informed us last night that three members of our embassy in Moscow should leave.

It was as a result of the Soviets' response that the Government found it necessary and right to follow through and order the expulsion of the other three officials within seven days.

Sir Anthony Kershaw (Stroud, C): The years of creeping and crawling by Mr Healey to the Soviets when he had influence were as abhorent as they were humiliating to this country.

The Russians know the rules, they broke the rules, they were caught and now they ought to stop whining.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: It is as a result of the activities of Soviet citizens that these actions have been necessary. They have been carefully judged to make them as consistent as possible with the long-term desire to see continued improvement in our relations with the Soviet Union.

Mr Patrick McNair-Wilson (New Forest, C): Is there any truth in the reports that at least one of those being expelled was trying to obtain information about British laser technology. Are any proceedings being taken against UK citizens as a result of the investigations made by UK security services.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: Action is taken in cases of this kind on the basis of irrefutable evidence. The House would not expect me to give any details.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab): It would be disastrous if these expulsions led to a situation where Anglo-Soviet relations were no longer improving. While recognizing the need at all times to protect this country's national security against any country abroad, would it not be right for the Foreign Secretary to make it perfectly clear to the Soviet authorities at the highest level that it is the wish of the Government to see a continuing improvement in Anglo-Soviet relations? Should not that be made clear at the first opportunity?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: We have to remain serious and vigilant in our protection of national security and serious and realistic in our search for improved relations with the Soviet Union. Both matters have to be considered alongside each other.

I have made plain we do indeed intend to sustain and pursue the search for improvements in East-West relations and in relations with the Soviet Union. When I meet Mr Gromyko in Vienna early next month I will make the same point to him.

Mr Gavin Strang (Edinburgh East, Lab): Would he explain why he thought restricting the publicity to the two would influence the Soviet response?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: It is customary in all these cases to make a judgement on how far to publicize the action taken. In this case we judged it right to require withdrawal of two with publicity at the outset to make plain that such conduct would not be tolerated but withdrawal of the other three would not be accompanied by publicity in order to limit damage to the British community in Moscow.

It is a matter of great regret that the Soviet Union did not choose to respond in the way indicated.

Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield, Lab): Are there further implications in this case? Are there going to be any arrests under the Official Secrets Act regarding British citizens in this country? It has been rumoured a spy network has been uncovered.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I am not in a position to add anything to what I have said. In these cases the prosecuting authorities do investigate the matter fully.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab): Has not the Foreign Secretary bungled it? All five Soviet diplomats could have been expelled without publicity in private as has been done formerly by Labour Governments. Is it not true that the reason why the first two were publicized was because the Government wanted to do a bit of Commie-bashing?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: We are not interested in Commie-bashing, as he so crudely puts it. We are interested in a sustained basis for improvement of relations between East and West and this country and the Soviet Union. It is necessary to make clear that cannot be conducted at the expense of national security. It was necessary in this case to give publicity to the initial expulsion to make it quite clear to all those who might be considering any activities of this kind that such activities will not be tolerated.

Progress of Bills

The King's College London and Luton Borough Council Bills were read a second time. Mr Jack Straw (Blackburn, Lab) was refused leave by 155 votes to 122 under the 10-minute rule procedure to introduce the Lancashire Bill which was to make further provision regarding local government services in Lancashire.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on White Paper on financial services in the United Kingdom. Lords (2.30): Debates on housing, on chemical weapons, and on cultural heritage.

Home believes Soviet Union is against military confrontation

HOUSE OF LORDS

There was a possibility that Russia's new leaders would modify the application of communist doctrine in relation to foreign policy Lord Home of the Hirsel (C) said in opening a debate in the House of Lords on the desire of Britain and other Western democracies to seek better relations with the Soviet Union and the obstacles which continuing Soviet exploitation of economic and social problems in developing countries and intervention in the internal affairs of other countries had placed in the way of attaining that objective.

He said the Russians had already had to adapt their military strategy to the fact that Nato had retained sufficient strength to take all reward out of aggression. The new thinking seemed to be – military confrontation, no, continuing struggle, yes.

The future would rest on treaties. There should be no room for ambiguities in the use of words and every treaty needed to be verified against action on the ground. For the sake of their security these were things on which they had to insist.

It will not be easy (he said) for people steeped in the ideology of communism to realize their word is going to be taken as their bond. If international relations are going to be satisfactory and put on any sort of enduring basis, they must rest on treaties honoured and on trust. Nothing less will do.

The timing of his debate was immaculate coming as it did at the moment when Russia had expelled a number of British diplomats.

Russia will always spy (he said) they will always try to use diplomatic cover and when they are caught, as they always will be, they will be realistic and inflict on this country minimum retaliation. The incident will in my opinion have no effect whatsoever on Russia's relations with this country. I am afraid this sort of incident is one we have to endure every now and again: we shall get through it without much harm.

The question had to be asked whether there was anything more the western democracies could do to carry conviction with the Kremlin that we understood their preoccupation with the physical security of the Soviet Union within her own boundaries.

Wherever the fault lay, the alliance in the last war had not been enough to persuade the Russians that we meant what we said when we talked of a desire for closer relations.

If the Russian leaders were dissatisfied with the guarantees for their security that had already been given by the Nato allies, they should advance proposals which would be considered with a desire to remove their anxieties.

In their discussions of the Star Wars programme, the Americans had spoken of cooperation with the Soviet Union. The more negotiators immersed themselves in the technicalities of such an examination, the earlier they would recognize the real foundation for mutal security rested not in the technicalities but on the political will to coexist.

Why had relations between the Soviet Union and the democracies been so cold and barren? The answer would require some plain speaking and that was required now, because unless the new leaders of the Soviet Union were told plainly of the difficulties in which they constantly placed the democracies, would simply repeat the confrontation, friction and frustration of the last 40 years and no one wanted that.

The only firm foundation for relations between one country and another on the international stage (he said) is the treaty and the readiness of the signatories of treaties to honour the obligations to which they put their names.

Lord Trefgarne, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, said the motion called attention to the desire of the United Kingdom and all the democracies for better relations with the Soviet Union and this, indeed, was an accurate reflection of the Government's policy.

We cannot turn a blind eye (he said) to the fact that whether we like it or not the nuclear arsenals of the super powers are sufficient to blow us all to kingdom come. A great weight of responsibility rests on the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union but it is a weight that we, as members of the North Atlantic Alliance, are proud to share.

We must be consistent, patient but firm and and we must be realistic. East-West relations cannot develop fast. We do not have illusions about the Soviet Union. At the same time we recognize it is there to stay and we must have dealings with it if we are to carry out our responsibilities.

He said the United Kingdom had been active and vigorous in opening up a dialogue with the Soviet Union. But he gave a warning that they should not be lulled into thinking that increased contacts were going to change the nature of communism or the underlying aim of Soviet policies. The Russians believed in the ultimate superiority of their political philosophy.



Home: Russia will always spy and always be caught

There were various ways the Soviet Union sought to extend its influence – to give the wheel of history a shove in the right direction if it was proving recalcitrant.

The whole history of their Afghanistan involvement was nothing more than blatant, latter-day colonialism, tainted with lies and misrepresentation. There were organizations operating in the West which purported to be independent but which were in reality thinly disguised instruments of foreign policy. The most senior of these front organizations was the World Peace Council but there were many others.

Provided the West were aware of what was going on he did not believe these front organizations represented a threat with which the West could not cope.

It would be naive to expect early or significant changes. A sustained dialogue, based on realism and an assessment of mutual interests, should play a part in fostering relations with the Soviet Union.

The Bishop of Rochester, the Rt Rev David Say, said one way of improving relations was through the links between the churches of the East and West with all their awareness of a common Christian heritage.

Lord Orr-Ewing (C) said the sincerity of the Soviet Union would be less suspect if they would stop training people from the free world to create dissent in their own countries and to destroy their own institutions.

There were training camps throughout Russia where students and trade unionists from the democracies were instructed in methods of psychological warfare and subversive use of the media. The IRA had received training in the more extreme of these camps.

Mr Mick Costello of the *Morning Star* had links with communist trade unionists throughout the United Kingdom and in Russia. He also had a network of sympathetic journalists.

It is not the stories which appear in the *Morning Star* which are disturbing and sinister (he said) but the fact that this Soviet disinformation emerges, often in an oblique form, in the serious press such as *The Times* and the *Daily Telegraph* and their Sunday equivalents.

He said that Mr James Lamond, (Oldham Central and Royton, Lab) was head of a British branch of a Soviet front organization, as president of the British Peace Assembly, a part of the Russian backed World Peace Council.

Until the Labour Party's list of proscribed organizations had been abolished in 1973 it had been impossible to be a member of the Labour Party if you belonged to the World Peace Council.

How different today (he said) when Mr Alfred Lomas, MEP, the deputy leader of the Labour group in Europe, is a WPC member. Mr James Lamond MP is British vice-president of the WPC and at least four other Labour MPs are members.

The British end of the WPC is called the British Peace Assembly. Its secretary Jean Pavett is a Communist with a long history of WPC activity. Its president is Mr Lamond and its monthly newsletter is edited by a holder of the Lenin peace prize, Mr Gordon Schaffer.

Lord Shinwell (Lab) said the West must be strong, no matter what the cost, to make the Russians understand that if they started any nonsense they would catch it; than unless they changed their style, became a little more moderate, permitted people to leave the country occasionally and allowed a little more freedom, the West would increase the deterrent and make it impossible for the Russians to force it to surrender.

No extra money for teachers

EDUCATION

The Government still stood by its refusal to find any extra money to honour any arbitration award for teachers which, if it was above the level already offered by the employers, would have to come out of local authority funds, Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during Commons questions.

He told MPs that he detected among the teachers' unions a great deal of disagreement in the pay dispute.

Management's offer of a 4 per cent increase, arbitration and further discussion of pay structure remained on the table. All three had been rejected. The two largest teacher unions were set on a course of intensified industrial action, causing deliberate harm to children's education in support of their claim for an extra £1,200 for all teachers.

That claim is unrealistic (he said) and no amount of action will change the fact that increases of that order are not remotely affordable.

Mr Harvey Proctor (Billericay, C) recalled that Mr Giles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on education, had advocated the spending of £50 million to employ 14,000 more teachers. This worked out at £3,500 a teacher. That was unrealistic.

The solution to the dispute would be found in negotiations rather than through disruption and unrealistic claims.

Sir Keith Joseph said negotiation on one of the three options was the way forward. Mr Radice should justify his suggestion in the House.

Mr Clement Freud (Cambridgeshire North East, L) sought an assurance that appraisal would not be linked to quality of teaching. The introduction of merit awards in a low paid sector would have disastrous consequences.

Sir Keith Joseph: I will make no such pledge. Promotion, which carries higher pay, is already based on an informal appraisal system. The Government seeks to make that appraisal system formal with the agreement and help of the teachers in discussions.

I am not saying appraisal is to be connected with merit pay but that the whole subject should be discussed, tried out in pilot schemes for which money from the taxpayer has been set aside. It is inexcusable for the teacher unions to refuse even to discuss it.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch, C) said he found it hard to understand why the teachers had struck last year because they could not get arbitration and why they were now striking because they had refused to accept arbitration.

Mr Joseph said this apparent contradiction must be explained by the fact that the teachers obtained from arbitration last year only 0.6 per cent more than they had been offered already. The idea that an arbitrator could pluck money out of the air was part of the Utopian approach of many Labour MPs.

Mr Mark Carlisle (Warrington South, C) said that NUT leadership was doing immense damage to the professional standing of teachers. Would any award by arbitration be binding?

Sir Keith Joseph said the NUT leadership was guilty of grossly misleading the teachers in the expectations they aroused last year, as the arbitration award had shown. They were doing the same now.

An arbitration award would be binding unless both Houses voted it down on the basis that the country's economic conditions did no allow it to be implemented. The Government stood by its refusal to find any extra money.

Sir Keith Joseph added later: I do think that the Oppostition, in accepting the dogma of more spending regardless of the consequences are espousing a thoroughly perverse set of policies and the Opposition spokesman (Mr Giles Radice) has to explain how it is that he can offer – as he did in his press conference last week – hundreds of millions, over £1,000 million of extra spending. Mr Giles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on education: £200 million.

Sir Keith Joseph: He has evidently not costed at all in £200 million the implications of what he was pleased to pledge, namely the phasing out of private schools. Presumably he does not take that seriously since he did not cost it at all.

He has failed to cost the implications in hundreds of millions of pounds of the pledges made to provide nursery education for all. He has grossly underestimated the cost. He has priced teachers at a salary of £3,500 each and he has to explain both the cost of what he has left out and how he, or any Labour Government – which I pray is unlikely – will find the money.

Mr Radice: I thank him for devoting at least most of his answer to the Labour Party programme. It is a bit rich coming from him talking about cost when his own White Paper is not costed at all. He knows perfectly well that his own White Paper would cost £1,000 million. He has not come clean to the House.

Conservative Central Office has not understood that £50 million was a net figure and he is going to cut teachers by over 6,000 in the coming year.

Is the Secretary of State going to respond positively to the request from the management side of Burnham for extra resources to help solve the teachers' dispute?

Sir Keith Joseph: The question is whether or not the Labour Party intend, if given the chance, to phase out independent education. If so, why did they not cost the budget he presented to the public.

Hint of early decision on nurses' pay increase

PM's QUESTIONS

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during Commons questions that she hoped to be able to consider the report on nurses' pay, as well as those on the pay of doctors and dentists, without waiting for the report of the top salaries review body, though she added that the Government had to consider how all of the money was to be found across the board.

That money came not from Government but from taxpayers, she said, in reply to Mr William O'Brien (Normanton, Lab) who wanted an assurance that she would not sit on the report as she did, he said, last year. Decisions should be implemented as quickly as possible, he added.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, earlier sought an undertaking, now that she was considering the report and recommendations of the nurses' pay review body, that Mrs Thatcher would support an award which at least would begin the return to the levels of real pay received by nurses in 1980.

Will she say (he went on) that under no circumstances will she finance any part of any award by taking money from the rest of the NHS?

Mrs Thatcher: Three reports arrived yesterday, of which that for nurses was one. We consider them together. I cannot give him undertakings in advance of proper consideration.

He is the first to accuse me of increasing public expenditure (Labour protests)... and the first to accuse us if the result is to put up interest rates or taxation.

I notice he refers to the level in 1980. He will therefore be very much aware that this Government has done very much better by the nurses than the Labour Government.

Mr Kinnock: That was achieved because of the Clegg award which she opposed at the time and only had to introduce it because of the way in which she undertook its implications in the course of the general election campaign.

Can she, without evasion, tell me whether she agrees that public expenditure should be used for reasons of justice and proper reward to those who obviously deserve such awards? Does she think nurses are paid properly in 1985?

Mrs Thatcher: It was this Government which honoured the Clegg award. It was the previous Government which, not having the resources, made empty promises and left us to honour them.

Owen calls for independent supervision of voting

UNION BALLOTS

The Deputy Speaker (Mr Harold Walker) suspended the Commons sitting for 12 minutes in order to give what he called "a cooling-off period" after a row erupted over where Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democrats, could make his speech to open the SDP-Liberal alliance debate on trade union ballots.

Points of order, pushing and shoving occurred as Dr Owen sought on finding his usual front bench seat below the Commons gangway occupied by Labour MPs, to move to the Opposition dispatch box. Altogether the Alliance debate, already late following a statement on the expulsion of Russian diplomats, was delayed a further 46 minutes before Dr Owen, when the House resumed, spoke from his usual place.

Dr Owen and other Alliance MPs had found their usual seats on the front bench below the gangway packed with Labour MPs. Dr Owen then sat on the steps of the gangway.

After Mr David Harris (St Ives, C) had pointed to the possibility of trouble, the Deputy Speaker (Mr Harold Walker) said he could see plenty of empty seats which Dr Owen might occupy.

After several more points of order, Mr Walker called Dr Owen who moved from the gangway to speak at the Opposition dispatch box. Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, pushed Dr Owen away and asked what right the leader of the Social Democrats had to speak from there.

Ms Clare Short (Birmingham Ladywood, Lab) and Mr Kevin MacNamara (Hull North, Lab), both on the front bench, put their feet up on the dispatch box.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP) said there was a deliberate attempt by the bully boys and thugs of the Labour Party, as was seen in the miner's strike, to stop free speech.

Mr Walker appealed to the Labour MPs occupying the SDP MPs customary bench to leave it.

The House (he said) is not doing itself no credit at all.

Dr Owen, who had squeezed on to the Liberal bench next to Mr Steel, was again called to speak and pushed aside the legs of Ms Short and Mr McNamara with difficulty to reach the dispatch box.

Mr Roland Boyes (Houghton and Washigton, Lab) rose and said Dr Owen had physically assaulted the MPs. After more points of order, the sitting was suspended.

Most people were very glad there was going to be an emergency meeting of the executive of the Transport and General Workers Union on Thursday and hoped that a request for a new leadership ballot would be agreed. Dr Owen said when he was able to open the debate.

However, he thought there were some serious problems about such a ballot taking place under present procedures. He did not want a witch-hunt about the procedures in the T&GWU, but arrangements for balloting in the trade unions left a great deal to be desired. The Secretary of State for Employment (Mr Tom King) should listen to the substantial body of opinion, from shop stewards who warned him workshop ballots were open to great abuse.

There was a gap in the legislation, he said, moving an Alliance motion calling on the Government immediately to amend the Trade Union Act 1984 to ensure that, unless absolutely impossible in a particular case, all strike ballots, political fund ballots and elections for trade union executive committees are held on the basis of full secret postal voting conducted by independent returning officers and scrutineers so as to minimize the risk of abuse.

It had been seen that the NUM could change its rules so that Mr Arthur Scargill, President of the National Union of Miners, could arrange for his casting vote to be taken away so he should not be covered by the Act.

It was no accident that Sogat had been chosen as the first union to have a ballot on the political fund. Sogat's journal showed the only way they felt they could get union members to support the political fund, which was Labour's levy, was to pretend it had nothing to do with the Labour Party.

He feared that what had happened in the TGWU was the tip of a particularly ugly iceberg. If people in a union with strong views were asked to organize ballots it was giving them too much temptation.

Political parties did not supervise the collection of ballot boxes in an election. The supervision of the ballot was completely separated out from politics and the same sort of independent supervision should apply for unions.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, moved an emendment welcoming the success of the Government's step-by-step approach to the reform of industrial relations law and to the strengthening of the rights of individual trade union members. It also welcomed the new and stringent provisions of the Trade Union Act 1984.

He said critics had claimed the Act would never be used. But the NGA might have second thoughts, being £750,000 lighter since their efforts to cause intimidation and mayhem at the *Stockport Messinger*. The TGWU learned painfully at Austin Rover that the car park meeting could no longer be tolerated.

The Alliance motion was rejected by 374 votes to 25 – majority against, 349, and the Government amendment was carried by 224 votes to 167 – Government majority, 57.

Action on jobs better than just talking

Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said in the Commons that anyone who could help solve the problem of unemployment in practical terms, as distinct from talking about it, was welcome. Since the Government had already introduced two measures proposed by the newly-established Employment institute, it seemed as if they had a number of things in common.

She was responding to Mr David Steel, leader of the liberal Party, who asked her whether she supported the cautious welcome given by the Secretary of State for Employment, Mr Tom King, to the institute or the views expressed by the chairman of the conservative Party, Mr John Selwyn Gummer.

She said: I hope some (of the Institute) can help create new business which in practice means creating new jobs. I recognize that two of the ideas proposed already have been put in hand by the government.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch, C): Will she please make it clear that she is welcoming any group of people who may have the time to spare to put forward for study some possible solutions to unemployment?

Mrs Thatcher: I thought I indicated what my view was.

Warning on glamourizing drug abuse

The danger of glamourizing drug abuse among the young was emphasized by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Mr Roland Boyes (Houghton and Washington, Lab) had asked him if he had read in the *Daily Mirror* that day the tragic story of Fiona Marshall, aged 17.

Does Sir Keith Joseph acknowledge (he asked) that a tremendous campaign is being run by the *Daily Mirror* against drug abuse? Does he agree that the campaign calling for debates, coordination and treatment of drug addiction is vital?

The Government's suggestion of £2m was insufficient and there must be a massive cash injection

Sir Keith Joseph: without minimizing the importance that Mr Boyes wished to give to drug abuse, or of the efforts of the *Daily Mirror*, we are advised that there is a danger, which could be counter-productive, of glamourizing the subject.

Sir Bernard Braine (Castle Point, C) said one could not start too early in warning the young of the dangers. Was Sir Keith Joseph contemplating issuing any directive to local education authorities?

Sir Keith Joseph said there was a danger of giving the wrong impression, of steering children in the wrong direction and in trying to bring the truth to children too young

'Hit squads' urged to beat parking menace in London

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

The Greater London Council proposes the use of "hit squads" with computer blacklists of parking offenders.

They would cruise London streets with towaway vehicles in radio contact with computer records.

Illegally parked cars with a record of offences could be towed away and kept until the owner paid a fine.

The system based on one already working successfully in Washington DC, would be linked with other radical steps to deal with London's parking difficulties, Mr Paul Moore, vice-chairman of the GLC transport committee, said yesterday.

The other proposals are:

To extend London's wheel-clamp experiment, which has reduced parking offences by a third in central London in two years, to the whole of Greater London;

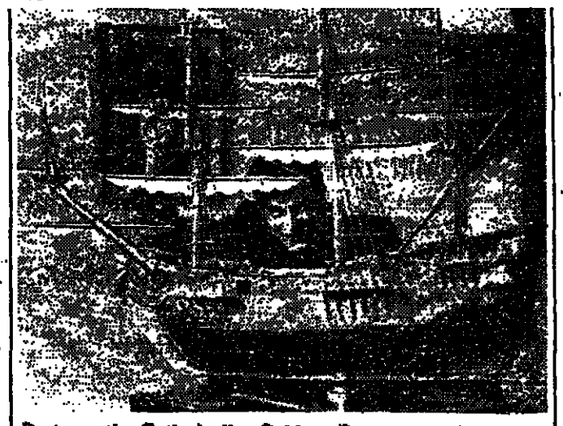
To transfer traffic wardens from police to GLC control, and increase the force from 1,800 to 4,000;

To "decentralize" parking offences by removing them from the jurisdiction of the courts, where a huge backlog of cases waits to be heard. Instead, a local authority charge would be made on the offending vehicle, which could stay clamped until accumulated charges were paid.

Mr Moore agreed that the scheme would require new legislation, but thought that it could be in operation in about a year. If the GLC were abolished at about that time the scheme could still go ahead.

It could be modified after a two-month consultation period, launched yesterday, but Mr Moore said that increasing traffic wardens without the other changes could just increase the logjam in the courts.

The wheelclamp scheme had been a great success Mr Moore said, and should be built on. The Government has temporarily extended it for a further two years.



Portsmouth Cathedral's Golden Barque weather vane, which can be seen next month as the church celebrates 800 years of worship. Behind is the Very Rev David Stancliffe, the provost (Photograph: Dod Miller).

£175m water mains scheme

A £175 million scheme to replace London's ageing water system was announced yesterday by the Thames Water Authority.

The authority believes patching up the system, a quarter of which is more than 100 years old, no longer makes economic sense. It hopes to save £150 million over 20 to 40 years. Historically, London's water has been fed on a system of spokes, reaching out from west to east. The plan proposes nearly 60 kilometres of 2.5 metre diameter gravity-fed circular ring main.

● The 127-mile Leeds to Liverpool canal could be regenerated by an £80 million scheme to restore its most devastated sections in Lancashire if Lancashire Enterprises succeeds in attracting EEC regional aid.

Housing in Crisis: 3

VAT's crucial impact on building repairs

The bill for repairing defective and sub-standard housing and the cost of meeting the housing shortage is estimated to be between £30 and £50 billion. In this concluding article, CHRISTOPHER WARMAN, Property Correspondent, reports on the search for the necessary resources.

If the Government's cuts in public spending on housing have had a devastating effect on the work of local authorities in the housing field, two other decisions by the Government have made a significant difference to the private sector and owner occupiers.

The imposition of 15 per cent value added tax on building alterations last June caused a rush of orders to beat the deadline but, since then, the extra cost of such work has proved a disincentive. The building industry's state of trade inquiry showed an increase up to the deadline, followed by a sharp decline.

It also made housebuilders think again about inner city schemes, which have begun to play an important part in providing housing in difficult areas. It has not had a cataclysmic effect on activity in this sphere, but with so many other constraints affecting housing, the extra cost of the work is crucial.

In theory, the decision might have encouraged people to buy a new house, rather than make improvements, but the increase in mortgage rates has dampened enthusiasm for that course. In addition, although there still seems to be unfulfilled demand for home ownership, the increasing cost of houses at the lower end of the market and high unemployment conspire to dull demand.

The reduction in the level of improvement grants consequent on the squeeze on public expenditure is also causing necessary work to go undone. Improvement grants increased rapidly from about £125 million in 1980 to a peak of £933 million for improvement and thermal insulation grants in 1983-84. For 1984-85 the total dropped to £778 million, with still lower amounts planned for the future.

Defending the Government's decision to cut back on the grants, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, recalled that at its peak the improvement grant scheme contributed only about 10 per cent to the total spent on improvement and repairs by owner occupiers, landlords and developers, which is running at about £9,000 million a year.

"This demonstrates very clearly the limited impact that the public sector money has when set against the resources of the private sector", he said.

The National Home Improvement Council believes that unless the Government changes its mind on putting money into improvement and renewal, the results will not only be disastrous but could mean a reversal of its philosophy.

In a discussion document, *Improving Our Homes*, it concludes that, unless public investment is increased, a new house condition survey would show that a substantial number of dwellings which are now in serious disrepair would have become slums.

What Mr Jenkin wants is a series of partnerships, involving all forms of tenure, with local and central government, private and public sectors, to improve housing. Apart from the well-established clearance areas, housing action areas and general improvement area, the Government has introduced three measures: enveloping schemes, where an entire street is renovated in the hope that the action will trigger off further private work: improvement for sale, providing public money to improve a house and then sell it; and homesteading, a low-cost route into ownership. All of them need further financial resources to be effective.

It is the search for those resources which is proving difficult. The sums involved are huge. The Building Employers Confederation adds them up to £30,000 million. The Association of Metropolitan Authorities' total works out at £50,000 million.

Through its reports and evidence, the association believes it has convinced housing ministers of the needs. But its leaders add: "We must have been talking to the wrong people. There is the small matter of the Treasury to convince."

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Vietnam rejects US request to hand over detainees

Hanoi (Reuter) – A Vietnamese leader has said Hanoi will not free re-education camp inmates to enable them to go to the US, a stand seen by diplomats as a setback to prospects of diplomatic ties with Washington.

Mr Le Duc Tho said in an interview that Washington should begin talks on normalizing relations with Hanoi. American actions elsewhere in the world showed the US had not learnt from its defeat in Vietnam 10 years ago.

Asked about re-education camp inmates, Mr Tho, who was Vietnam's negotiator at the 1973 Paris peace talks, said: "We cannot turn them over to the American side for one simple reason: these people were guilty of war crimes."

Western diplomats said his position was an obstacle to normalizing relations with Washington, which has offered to re-settle people held by Vietnam as political prisoners.

Authorities here say about 7,000 civilians and military personnel associated with the former South Vietnamese Government are still in re-education camps. Western diplomats say the figure is at least twice that.

Mr Tho said it was consistent Vietnamese policy not to release re-education camp inmates to the US, and described Hanoi's previous statements to the contrary as a misunderstanding.

"The misunderstanding was perhaps as a result of a technical problem, but our policy has remained consistent."

As far as he knew, the detainees' release was not an American condition for normalization of relations. It was "high time" the US ended its policy of confrontation against Vietnam and entered into negotiations on establishing relations. As a gesture of goodwill, Vietnam imposed no conditions on normalization.

"Whether it can happen or not depends on the US."

Mr Tho also said the question of US servicemen missing in action from the war was not a big obstacle to normalization. Washington has repeatedly urged Hanoi to step up efforts to trace the remains of 2,477 men missing in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

"What good is it for Vietnam to continue to hold these remains, these bones?"

The Foreign Minister, Mr Nguyen Co Thach, said earlier that a US team would be allowed to visit Vietnam in June to inspect a B52 crash site, but this was a special case and appeared to rule out more visits.

Mr Tho said: "I think that what Mr Thach meant is that a normal process is going on for a solution of this issue. But the normalization of relations will facilitate the search for the remains of servicemen missing in action."

Mr Tho, aged 74, was in good spirits and health during the 90-minute interview at the Communist Party Central Committee headquarters.

He said Vietnam encountered enormous problems after the war. Mistakes had been made in managing the economy because of lack of experience, but "tremendous achievement" had been made.

● **PEKING:** Prince Norodom Sihanouk has asked to resign as president of the Cambodian anti-Vietnamese guerrilla coalition (Reuter reports).

Diplomats said he wrote to Mr Khieu Samphan, the Khmer Rouge leader and coalition Prime Minister, tendering his resignation for health reasons.

His offer of resignation may reflect unease about the limited aid given to his forces by the Khmer Rouge during recent Vietnamese offensives against guerrilla bases on the Thai border. Beneath a veneer of unity against Vietnam, the guerrilla alliance is bitterly divided.

Hanoi has achieved Ho Chi Minh's ambition

In his final article on Indo-China 10 years after the fall of Saigon, David Watts examines the position of Laos and developments in the region as a whole.

INDO-CHINA TEN YEARS ON
Part 3

The communist control of Indo-China with Soviet backing was celebrated at a Crimean resort summit meeting in 1981.

The meeting was not reported by the Soviet media at the time but in early September President Brezhnev met the Lao Communist Party Secretary and Prime Minister, Mr Kaysone Phomvihane, the then Cambodian Party Secretary, Mr Pen Sovan, and Mr Le Duan, the Vietnamese Party Secretary.

The meeting followed the appointment of Laos as the Indo-Chinese "point man" with the Lao Foreign Minister taking the leading role in attempts to placate the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) over the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia.

The choice of Laos was Vietnam's and it was a skilful one. The communist takeover of Laos was more gradual, the Western commitment was minimal and therefore it did not produce the anguish in the West that followed either the collapse of South Vietnam or the fall of Phnom Penh. Contiguous with Thailand with which it shares racial and cultural affinities, Laos has maintained better relations with the United States than have other three countries of Indo-China.

Since the emergence of Laos as the spokesman, Hanoi has been careful to give the appearance of taking every important policy decision before it is implemented to regular meetings of the Indo-Chinese foreign ministers for their consideration.

But for all intents and purposes Vietnam has achieved Ho Chi Minh's ambition of bringing all of Indo-China under Vietnamese tutelage.

Asean and other countries have resolutely refused to recognize Indo-China as a bloc. And, interestingly enough, the Soviet Union has taken great care to strengthen relations with Laos and Cambodia to ensure that their relationships are not all conducted through Hanoi.

The Soviet Union is linked to Vientiane through a satellite ground station which receives Soviet television programming. Aid is sent partly through Bangkok rather than Hanoi because of higher costs and pilferage.

Moscow and Phnom Penh are linked directly by air and the Soviet Union has developed the port of Kompong Som almost to the point of its becoming a Soviet enclave.

Hanoi has to pay a price for the privilege of leadership. Demands on Vietnamese manpower, skills and resources have been heavy since the occupation of Cambodia. Financial aid to Laos has been sizeable. Even poor, underdeveloped Laos has given help to Cambodia with the completion of a 30-bed hospital and road repair, but it has clearly less to gain.

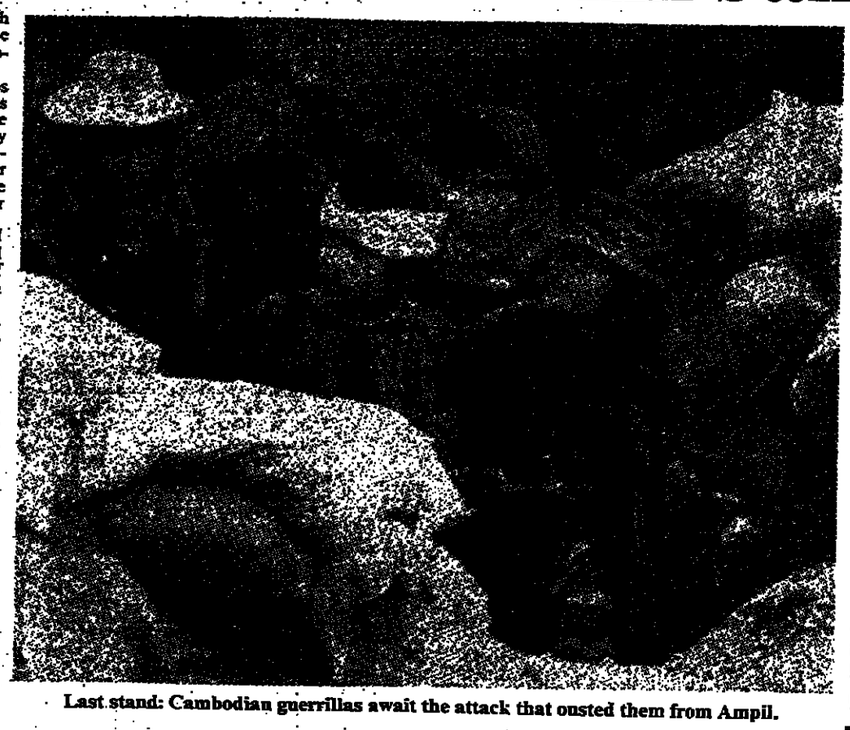
Vietnam's occupation of Cambodia has steadily lost it friends and influence over the years but ironically the latest dry season offensive may have left it in a stronger political position than ever.

The Cambodian resistance on the Thai border has been routed and is busy re-thinking its strategy. But more important than that, China has not moved to punish Vietnam. This time there has been no big attack across the Chinese border. Ever since Vietnam moved into Cambodia, China has been a clear deterrent to further action.

This time Peking seems to think that its own internal economic development should take precedence over regional policy, to the consternation of Asean.

But the Chinese attitude could turn out to be a double-edged sword for Vietnam: the threat from China has always been one of Hanoi's strongest arguments justifying its presence in Cambodia. Once the Chinese threat was removed it would withdraw, said Hanoi. If the Khmer Rouge prove to be irreparably damaged as a fighting force Hanoi might have to start making good on some of its pledges.

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Last stand: Cambodian guerrillas await the attack that ousted them from Ampil.

SIGNIFICANT DATES

Pathet Lao assume control of Coalition Government as rightist officials flee, summer 1975.
People's Democratic Republic of Laos declared, December 2, 1975.
Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation signed with Vietnam, July 18, 1977.
Kriang-sak Chomanand:: first visit by a Thai Prime Minister, January 4, 1979.
Indo-Chinese foreign ministers meet in Phnom Penh, January 1980.
US National League of Families (of missing servicemen) makes successful visit, 1982.
Illegal mission of Mr James "Bo" Gritz to find missing American servicemen sets back relationship with US, early 1983.
Lao-Thai relations suffer setback as Thai army pushes Lao "intruders" out of border villages that later prove to be on Lao territory, June 4 1984

THE EXODUS: 1975-1985

Total of escapees to US since 1975: at least 130,000.
Vietnamese of Chinese origin resettled in China: 260,000.
Total number of refugees resettled in Western countries: 961,115 including 598,109 boat people.
The number of escapees who died is unknown. Other Cambodian refugees remain in camps near the Thai-Cambodian border and Lao refugees are camped near the Thai-Lao border.

Papandreou loses a deputy

From Mario Modiano
Athens

The ruling Greek Socialists suffered a serious reverse when one of their deputies defected on Monday night and offered to support the Moscow-line Communist Party in the coming elections.

Mr Tasos Intzes, MP for Salonika, said he left the party because it had failed to fulfil promises to take Greece out of Nato and the European Community.

The defection came as Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister, opted for early elections on June 2, trusting that his summary removal of President Karamanlis was winning his party voter support from the left.

That calculation was tended to be confirmed by a declaration of support for the Socialists signed by 316 wartime leaders of the Communist-controlled Greek resistance headed by Markos Vafiadis, commander of the Communist insurgents during the Greek Civil War.

The defection of Mr Intzes, who belonged to the party's left wing, runs against that trend and is causing the Socialist leadership serious concern. It is aggravated by rumours that one or two Socialist deputies from northern Greece might also defect.

New names for old in Zimbabwe

From Jan Raath
Harare

The Government of Zimbabwe has published a list of 120 new names to replace those given to the country's main government buildings, rivers and districts by white explorers and settlers.

The 13 buildings renamed include the office of the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, which is now Munhumutapa Building, named after a kingdom of the 18th-century ancestors of the Shona tribe.

Most of the other names, listed in a statement issued yesterday are in honour of the Shona leaders who opposed the occupation of Rhodesia at the turn of the century. Only one commemorates guerrillas in the liberation war which ended in 1980, when Mr Mugabe was voted into power.

Bulawayo's sole government-owned block, Tredgold Building, retains its name. It was named after Sir Robert Tredgold, the Chief Justice who resigned in 1960 refusing to implement laws that gave the Rhodesian Government the power to detain without trial.

The rest of the list is devoted to corrections of spellings of the names of districts and rivers already in the vernacular languages, but evidently misheard, mispronounced and misspelt by the early surveyors

Hungarian dissidents may fight poll choice

From Richard Bassett, Budapest

Two of Hungary's leading dissidents said they were contemplating appeals after their defeat in election candidate selection meetings in Budapest.

Supporters of Mr Laszlo Rajik told *The Times* that his failure to gain the necessary third of the vote at his ward in the fifth district of the city had been the result of his Communist opponents "packing" the voting hall with supporters.

The election law requiring at least two candidates does not make any demands for an independent means of counting votes. According to one supporter of Mr Rajik, even the number of hands raised to support him had been underestimated in the official count.

Mr Gaspar Miklos Tamas, whose defeat was expected as a result of his optimistically standing against Mr Peter Varkonyi, the Foreign Minister, also said he was contemplating an appeal.

Although Mr Tamas met some opposition when he spoke at the meeting, his reception was altogether more favourable than at his first selection skirmish, when he had hardly been able to make himself heard.

A number of other dissidents and writers spoke eloquently in favour.

Mr Varkonyi's reply dwelt on the unfairness of dissidents enlisting the support of the foreign press for a national election, and he drew considerable applause when he referred to the presence of "enemies of the state" in the voting hall.

China ends 18-year rift

Bandung, Indonesia (Reuter) – Indonesia and China agreed yesterday to hold formal talks for the first time since Jakarta froze diplomatic relations between the two countries after a communist-backed coup attempt 20 years ago.

The Indonesian Foreign Minister, Dr Mochtar Kusumaatmadja, said that the Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr Wu Xueqian, had asked for a meeting. The talks were being arranged

Mr Wu, attending ceremonies to mark the 30th anniversary of the historic Bandung Asia-Africa conference, is the first Chinese minister to visit Indonesia since relations were suspended in 1967.

He said on arrival in Jakarta on Monday night that China would not interfere in the internal affairs of other countries and that he would be honoured to meet President Suharto of Indonesia.

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Diplomats who refuse to pay parking fines will risk being expelled

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign diplomats who refuse to pay their parking fines risk being sent home under tough new measures which the Foreign Office is introducing next week.

A stricter code of practice is also being applied to officials and their families who commit serious offences while in Britain, then shelter behind their diplomatic immunity to stay out of court.

Closer control over the handling of diplomatic bags and the size of foreign missions is among other steps announced by the Government yesterday to lessen the abuse of diplomatic privilege.

But it has ruled against trying to amend the Vienna Convention, the diplomat's bill of rights, or the introduction of widespread searches, which could rebound against British officials serving abroad.

The new "firmer policy" in applying the oft-maligned Vienna Convention is outlined in a report which emerges just over a year after WPC Yvonne Fletcher was shot dead outside the Libyan People's Bureau during what became known as the seige of St James's Square.

It follows both a Foreign Office internal review of diplomatic immunity and a recent investigation by the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, all of whose main recommendations have been accepted.

The report says that the Government is "seriously concerned" by the number of unpaid parking fines by diplomats, which reached 102,179 in 1983 and about 109,000 last year – double the figures for 1979 and 1980.

It states unequivocally that the abuse has now reached an unacceptable level and that the Government is determined to reduce it "very substantially".

All heads of foreign missions in London, therefore, have been warned that, in view of the failure of all previous attempts to tackle the problem, persistent and deliberate offenders may no longer be acceptable as accredited diplomats in Britain.

From May 1 detailed records of all unpaid parking tickets will be kept and, where necessary, brought to the attention of the ambassador. Further offences will then lead to a request that the official is transferred or withdrawn, the report goes on.

It says, however, that although 546 serious offences were committed during 1974-84 by the 15,000 people entitled to claim diplomatic immunity, these need to be kept in perspective. About 40 per cent involved theft, mainly shoplifting, and 40 per cent were traffic offences, mainly driving under the influence of drink.

The application of more stringent standards and clearer guidlines which have been sent to embassies should lead to a reduction, the report says. But in some cases the embassy concerned might have the ceiling on the number of its diplomats lowered after an offender has been sent home – a practice already followed in respect of spying offences by Soviet staff.

While ruling out random searches or radar scans of diplomatic bags – in whichthe Lybians are suspected of smuggling out the gun which killed WPC Fletcher – the Government has promised that, where there is sound evidence that national security is threatened, it will not hesitate to act.

It also says that proposals to control the acquisition and disposal of diplomatic premises "in exceptional circumstances" are now being considered by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

But demonstrations outside embassies will be allowed to continue when they do not endanger those inside or interfere with their work. The Government has rejected some of the criticism directed at the Foreign Office over the Lybian People's Bureau as having been written with the benefit of hindsight.

The rules for the use of diplomatic premises have also been tightened, and even the charging of fees for language classes and public lectures declared incompatible.

Diplomatic status is being withdrawn from those few tourist offices which at present enjoy it and might also be removed from other embassy buildings which are being used improperly.

Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges: Command 9497, HMSO £3.30.

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THE WORST – AND BEST

Worst offenders in 1983 were (1982 in brackets). Figures are of tickets cancelled:

1.	Nigeria	6,618 (5,483)
2.	Egypt	6,294 (4,378)
3.	Saudi Arabia	4,871 (3,514)
4.	Brazil	3,010 (1,524)
5.	Iraq	2,863 (2,660)
6.	Libya	2,708 (2,611)

(Metropolitan Police figures)

Seven missions had no tickets cancelled in 1983: Argentina, Australia, Haiti, New Zealand, St Vincent, St Lucia and the Grenadines, Upper Volta and the United Nations.

The US, which has the largest diplomatic corps in Britain, had only 207 tickets cancelled.

Poles bury priest's case despite doubts

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

Those who had expected the Warsaw Supreme Court to pull rabbits out of hats, to let skeletons tumble discreetly out of cupboards, were disappointed by the appeal hearings of the murderers of Father Jerzy Popieluszko.

The court decided on Monday night to uphold the long terms imposed on the four secret policemen who killed the Solidarity priest and has now effectively buried the case along with its awkward political questions.

The problem that dogged the Torun trial in January and February was: Who was behind the three callow, ambitious secret agents? Who ordered the killing? The court, leaning heavily – some lawyers think, too heavily – on the testimony of the principal murderer, ex-captain Grzegorz Piotrowski, decided that the chain of command went no further than his immediate superior, Colonel Adam Pietruszka, the 47-year-old deputy director of the church monitoring department of the secret police.

There had been some speculation that the appeal court, out of the glare of the television lights, would decide that the case against Pietruszka as the mastermind was not strong enough and that a retrial would be ordered.

But the appeal documents were even more politically weighted than the original hearings.

Piotrowski, in a 48-page appendix to the court documents, laid more blame on Pietruszka and at the same time argued that the murder was not premeditated. The actual killing had been carried out principally by one of the lieutenants, Leszek Pekala. Pekala was "mentally disturbed" according to Piotrowski, who claims to have been vomiting through most of the crime.

Although the court rejected Piotrowski's appeal against his 25-year jail term, it accepted one of his arguments, that – in the words of the Chief Judge, Jozef Miklos – "the chief instigator of the crime was Adam Pietruszka and the others implemented his plan".

The murder, it was said in court, was supposed "to create an atmosphere of tension and conflict in the country", but the court did not explain how this could have been the sole concept of an isolated police colonel.

A Catholic lawyer, Mr Jan Olszewski, representing the Popieluszko family, highlighted the unsatisfactory conclusion of the case "the eventual inspiration of this crime remains in the dark. Pietruszka or Piotrowski could cast light on it, but they do not want to do so," he said.

Final scorecard: Pietruszka and Piotrowski will have to serve their 25-year sentences. Pekala his 15-year term and the other ex-lieutenant, Waldemar Chmielewski, 14 years. Those mentioned in the course of the original hearings as being sympathetic to the cause of the kidnappers are still active in their careers. General Zenon Platek, the head of the church monitoring department, is believed to have been transferred to the directorship of the Customs Service, and the head of the Secret Service, General Wladyslaw Ciaston, is still described in the press as a Deputy Interior Minister.



In memoriam: Mrs Maryanna Popieluszko and Catholic priests at a pilgrimage in honour of her murdered son.

French education reform

Curriculum changes run into storm

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Only three months after the euphoria which greeted the Government's announcement of a "back to basics" programme in primary schools, scepticism about the wisdom of the Government's aims and its ability to bring about the promised reform are beginning to be voiced.

Under detailed plans published yesterday the present informal structure of the French primary school day will be reorganized from next autumn to introduce seven distinct subjects into the curriculum, place a renewed emphasis on the "three Rs", reestablish "civic" education, including the learning by heart of the "Marseillaise", and give every child some experience of computers.

At present only mathematics and French are taught as separate subjects, all other disciplines being lumped together into what are called "awakening activities". Under the new curriculum, history and geography, arts and music, physical education, civic education, and science and technology, will each be taught in a systematic and ordered way in separate classes with a specified amount of time allotted to each.

A full third of the 27-hour week will be devoted to reading, writing and speaking the French language. At present, one in five French children leaves primary school without being able to read. M Jean Pierre Chevènement, the Education Minister, is determined to reduce their number.

Civic education, all but defunct in most schools for the past decade, is to be revived with a view to developing "honesty, courage, a rejection of racism, love for the Republic", and a knowledge of French political and administrative institutions.

The national advisory council on general and technical education, which includes representatives of teachers' union and parents, has voted more than two to one against the Government's planned reforms.

The two main parents' organizations complain that the Govenment was insisting on the necessity of acquiring knowledge, without saying anything about how that knowledge is to be acquired.

The teachers' unions complain that the planned reforms seek to institute far too directive a style of education, leaving little room for any initiative by the child. In addition, the curriculum for some subjects, like history and geography, was far too heavily laden, while for others, such as French, it was far too imprecise and "woolly".

The tone has changed markedly since the first governemnt announcement in February, when the right-wing daily *Le Quotidien* departed from its usual virulent criticism of the Socialist Government to cry "Bravo, Chevènement" in bold letters across its front page.

Farm ministers forced to wait for price decision

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The apathetic search for new EEC farm price levels this year hung fire in Brussels last night as ministers awaited news from Luxembourg, where budget ministers were trying to fix a ceiling on Community spending.

The Budget ministers were considering a European Commission proposal for finding about £1,800 million more than the Community is allowed to raise to pay this year's bills. That calculation assumes that farm ministers will accept proposals this year for a virtual price freeze on most products.

But in Brussels the West German farm minister, Herr Ignaz Kiechle, refused categorically to accept these proposals, which would mean a cut in cereal prices of 3.6 per cent. He seems unlikely to shift from this position until the *Land* elections in Rhineland-Westphalia on May 12 because he knows the West German Government would lose votes.

The budget ministers were going over work they did nine months ago, when they first looked at a £18,000 million draft budget for 1985.

The new budget includes extra money to be raised by a special surplus payment from each member state. The Commission believes this extra requirement totals about £1,800 million, though Britain believes this figure can be cut by at least £360 million.

Japan tries to disarm summit critics

From David Watts, Tokyo

Japanese officials believe "common ground" with the United States on economic issues will preempt public criticism of Japan at the Bonn summit.

The view on both sides of the Pacific, according to officials at the Foreign Ministry, is that each of the summit countries has got to tackle its own problems and present a solid front to the world outside.

"We're not sure that the European Economic Community shares that view yet," said one official, "but there's no point in spending the summit criticizing each other."

"The Americans haven't got all they want from us yet, but they've decided to declare a victory for political reasons," said another, referring to Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone's economic package of April 9 which won a cautious welcome from Washington.

The Japanese take the view that their $44.4 billion (£34 billion) surplus last year cannot take all the blame for the state of the world economy, a point they believe they conveyed at the recent meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) at which Mr Shintaro Abe, the Foreign Minister, came under strong pressure.

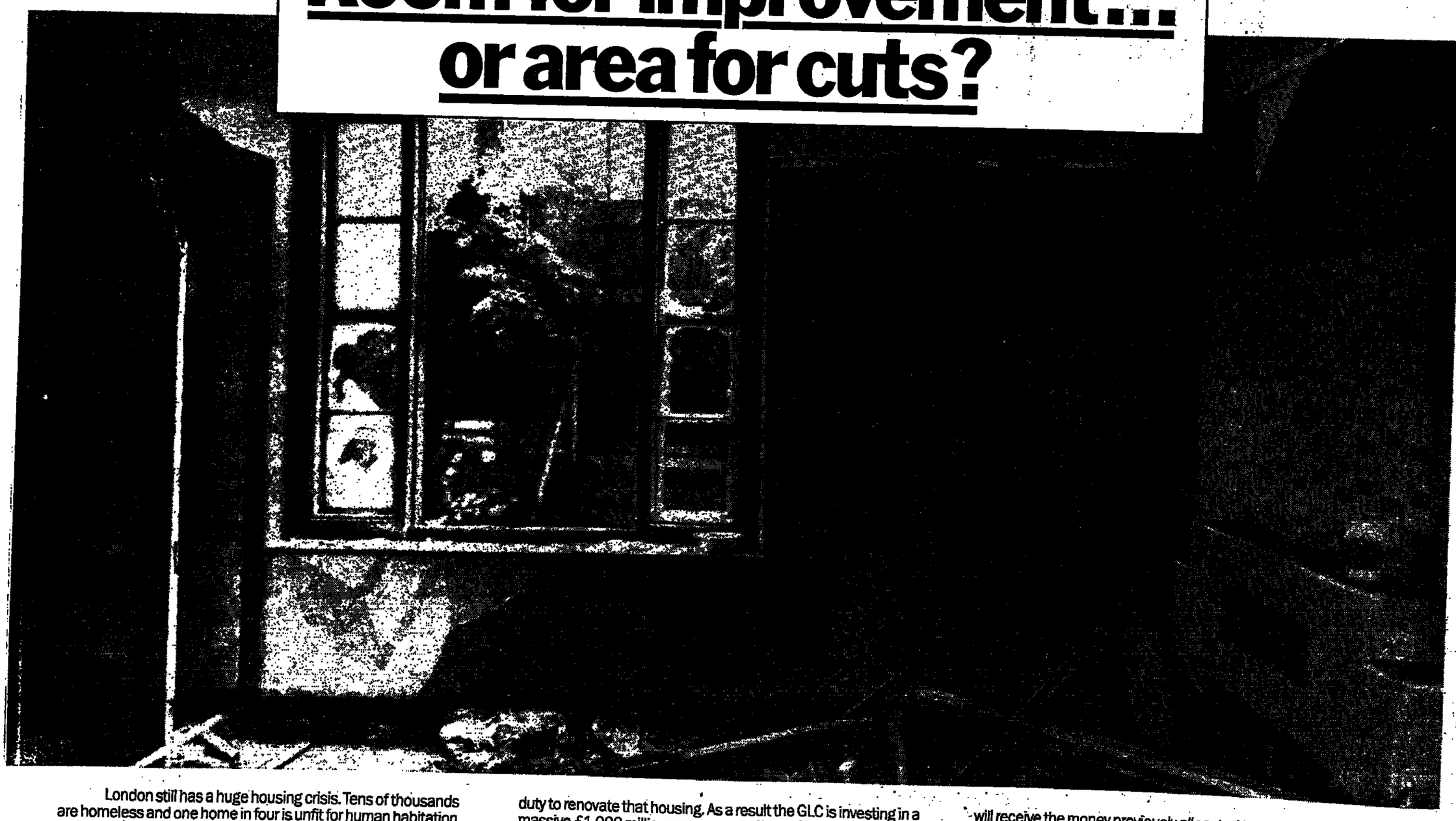
Lok Sabha in uproar over Gujarat riot

From Kuldip Nayar
Delhi

For 10 minutes yesterday, the Lok Sabha, the lower house of the Indian Parliament, could not transact any business because of noisy scenes – both opposition and ruling party members tried to raise the issue of violence in Gujarat, many remarks were expunged on the Speakers order and he refused an opposition adjournment motion.

Later, the entire opposition except the all-India Anna Dravida grouping walked out in protest against the chair's refusal to allow even discussion of the statement of Mr S B Chavan, the Home Minister.

Room for improvement... or area for cuts?



London still has a huge housing crisis. Tens of thousands are homeless and one home in four is unfit for human habitation, in serious disrepair, or lacking basic amenities such as a bathroom.

Although the very worst conditions are to be found in private sector rented housing, many council homes are now over 50 years old and badly in need of modernisation.

In 1980 the GLC began transferring its homes to the London boroughs and undertook a government-imposed legal duty to renovate that housing. As a result the GLC is investing in a massive £1,000 million programme of improvement up to 1992.

This programme is the biggest of its kind in the country. It has required the expertise both of the GLC and the private construction industry to deal with the immense problems concerned.

Abolition of the GLC would at best mean a tremendous disruption to the renovation programme. At worst, it could end it altogether. The Government has stated that the London boroughs will receive the money previously allocated to the GLC. However, during the past five years, the money made available by the Government for public investment in housing in London has been more than halved. Furthermore, a cut of £65 million in housing allocations was hailed as a 'victory' by the Secretary of State.

What price decent housing for Londoners after 1986, with this record?

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The East-West divide

Sealed lips but broad smiles as first round of Geneva talks finishes

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

"The American delegation expected these negotiations to be difficult, and they have been," said Mr Max Kampelman, head of the US delegation in the nuclear arms control talks with the Soviet Union, after the concluding plenary session yesterday of the initial round that began on March 12.

"Nevertheless, we had an intensive set of meetings, both formal and informal," he added, reading a prepared statement, "and we believe that the first round served a useful purpose in helping to bring about increased understanding of one another's positions. We look forward to the resumption of our sessions when the second round opens on May 30. A great deal remains to be done."

Accompanied by the two other senior members of the 70-strong US delegation, Mr Kampelman is in Brussels today briefing the Nato allies before returning to Washington tomorrow to report to President Reagan. He declined to take questions. "As you know, there is a confidentiality agreement between the US and Soviet negotiators which reflects the conviction that our role as negotiators is best served if we limit what we say in the public forum."

Emerging earlier from the US disarmament mission building, venue of the final plenary of two hours 10 minutes, the chief Soviet delegate, Mr Viktor Karpov, stuck scrupulously to that agreement. His lips were sealed, but sealed at least with a broad smile as, pausing for the television cameras, he slowly shook his head before the microphones.

With a significant diminution in the rhetoric from the capitals in the close phase, this first round seems to have enabled the two sides to appraise the depths of their mutual fears and apprehensions.

While envisaging an eventual balance in strategic and medium-range weapons, is an exercise of which they have had much experience in previous negotiations over the past two decades, they are still far apart on the "Star Wars" issue. The Russians apparently remain adamant that abandonment by the Americans of the strategic defence initiative project, even before the research phase has run its course, is a virtual *sine qua non* for agreement on the other categories of weapons.

In addition, the outcome of efforts here seems to have become increasingly more contingent on the results of the summit now expected in September. Only some accord at that level can produce the necessary confidence.

Shellfire interrupts ceasefire party

From Robert Fisk
Majdeyoun, outside Sidon

The Phalangists called it a withdrawal. Some of their gunmen even wore small plastic party hats as if they had something to celebrate. A girl with a crucifix round her neck said there really was a ceasefire – she carried a set of carefully folded flags containing the Phalangists' triangular cedar tree emblem.

Even when a Phalangist mortar position sent three rounds into the city not far away, she insisted that the shells were incoming. Ceasefires are rather like that in Lebanon.

Gilbert Ghostine, commander of the 450 Christian militiamen who were supposed to be pulled back from their front lines in eastern Sidon yesterday, ordered a small convoy of mobile anti-aircraft guns – old Soviet models captured long ago from Palestinian guerrillas – to parade past his barracks on the hill above Sidon. By this evening, he said all his men would be back in Beirut. The remaining militiamen who lived in the area will all have gone home.

Mr Ghostine, a third-year business administration student at St Joseph's University, preferred not to talk about the imminent Israeli military withdrawal, nor the mutiny in the Phalangist ranks which brought him to power.

A balding man with thin, gold-framed spectacles, he wished to emphasize the success that the Lebanese Army had already achieved in taking over positions vacated by the Phalange. Sixty soldiers, he said, had moved into the areas around Quaya and the ceasefire was being maintained by the Phalange.

It was about then that an outgoing mortar shell could be heard, evidently fired from a Phalangist position a few hundred yards from Mr Ghostine's barracks. One of his assistants, a girl called Soraya in a shocking pink pullover, immediately announced that this was an incoming shell, proof that the Lebanese Muslim militias and Palestinians did not respect the Phalangists' unilateral truce. There was another, similar report which brought forth equal protestations of innocence.

Outside, in the little barrack house, a group of Phalangist artillerymen were proclaiming their pleasure at returning home to Beirut, slightly uneasy at what will happen when they leave. There are up to 25,000 Christians in the hills east of Sidon.

But by dusk an unusual calm had enveloped Sidon. A Palestinian guerrilla and a Lebanese soldier had been killed in the day's fighting but it was possible, for the first time in a month, to drive through the front line near the centre of the city and take the coast road to Beirut.

When the 450 Phalangists from the capital have driven their battered trucks across the old river bridge at Bisri and put them on board the ageing ferry boat at Jiye, the Christian families above Sidon will be the first to hope that the ceasfire is real.



High drama: A man who tried to jump from the sixth floor of a hospital in Worcester, Massachusetts, was saved at the last moment by Peter Mancuso, left, and Garry Montiverdi.

Pretoria rounds up black dissidents

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

South African security police yesterday arrested three leading black members of the United Democratic Front, an extra-parliamentary alliance of anti-apartheid groups, which was accused last week by President Botha of trying to foment revolution.

Those detained were Mr Popo Molefe, the UDF secretary, Mr Patrick "Terror" Lekota, publicity secretary, and Mr Moss Shikane, a leading activist in the Pretoria area. All three were held for a period last year and released without charge.

They were virtually the only senior UDF office-holders still outside jail. Sixteen other African and Indian UDF leaders are in prison awaiting trial for treason or on alternative charges under the Internal Security Act. The trial is to start on May 20.

Lawyers for the three arrested men said they understood they were being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, which allows people suspected of a security offence to be held indefinitely for interrogation, usually in solitary confinement.

Police headquarters in Pretoria said: "... The cases relate to unrest in the Vaal Triangle in August and September (of last year)."

A spokesman for the UDF pointed out, however, that the arrests come after a recent conference held by the organization at which Mr Leokota announced the UDF'd intention to organize demonstrations against a planned tour later in the year by the New Zealand All Blacks rugby team.

Mr Leokta, whose sobriquet "Terror" refers not to his political views but to his prowess as a footballer, become chief spokesman for the UDF in the enforced absence of most of the rest of its leadership. Like other UDF leaders, he has repeatedly stated his opposition to violence.

In a speech to the white chamber of Parliament last Thursday, Mr Botha claimed the UDF was an "internal extension" of the African National Congress and the South African Communist Party, both banned organizations.

In another development, sources said the law banning racially-mixed political parties could be repealed before the end of the present parliamentary session.

Mass grave in Algeria has evidence of torture

Algiers (AFP) – A mass grave containing the remains of at least 62 people, apparently killed by French troops during Algeria's independence war, has been uncovered here near the city of Constantine, officials said.

The discovery was made by chance by a farmer who found a human skull and other bones on the ground in the locality of El Machira. Many of the victims appeared to have been women and children and examination of the bones revealed smashed skulls and amputated hands, suggesting the victims were tourtured.

During the eight-year war which ended in 1962, the area round El Machira was a French military zone.

Kabul summit

Islamabad (Reuter) – Afghanistan's President Karmal opened a grand tribal assembly, the "Loya Jirga", in Kabul in a bid to gain popular support for the war against Muslim guerrillas. Kabul radio said 1,996 delegates, four times any previous gathering, were attending.

Wine crime

Vienna (Reuter) - Tests on high-quality Austrian wines from Burgenland province and other areas show some enterprises are still using illegal chemicals and sugar, Herr Günter Haiden, the Agriculture Minister, said. This was outlawed and must stop.

Sweeter Coke

New York (AP) – Coca-Cola announced a new, sweeter formula which will start appearing on American store shelves on May 8. Its rival, Pepsi, countered by saying Coke was clearly admitting "it's not the real thing".

Soldiers killed

Hereford (Reuter) – Two British soldiers were killed and six others injured when their lorry overturned near a British Army base at Sennelagen, West Germany.

Siege over

Three Brothers, Arkansas (Reuter) – James Ellison, leader of a US neo-Nazi group, the Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord, surrendered to law enforcement officials after a four-day siege of his heavily armed compound here.

Aids boy

Stockholm (Reuter) – A nine-year-old haemophiliac boy died in hospital in southern Sweden at the weekend after contracting Aids from blood plasma.

Missile waste

Washington (Reuter) – The US military conducted 7,900 practice firings of sophisticated missiles last year at a cost of $400 million (£320 million) and most served no useful purpose, a congressional committee has found.

Writer's award

Madrid (Reuter) – Argentine writer Ernesto Sabato, who headed an inquiry into the disappearance of thousands of people under Argentina's military dictatorship, received from King Juan Carlos Spain's highest literary prize, the Miguel de Cerventes, worth 10 million pesetas (£44,000).

Book find

Kyoto (AFP) – A copy of the original edition of the 17th-century philosopher Descartes's *Discourse on Method* has been found in Kyoto University. It had been bought in Germany in 1932.

Miners' mine

Sydney (Reuter) – One of Australia's most militant trade unions, the Miners' Federation, is to open its own coal mine with all profits pledged to New South Wales for the development of education, health and community facilities.

Athos secrets

Athens (AP) – Priceless ecclesiastical treasures from the 1000-year-old, all-male monastic community of Mt Athos will be displayed in public for the first time at a special exhibition later this year in Salonika.

Europe eyes Star War spin-off

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Foreign and defence ministers of the seven countries of the Western European Union seem to have agreed, with varying degrees of enthusiasm, that some kind of US space-based missile defence system is inevitable.

The essential thing was for their countries not to lose out on the benefits of a project so vast that part of it will have to be developed by European companies. The WEU members are France, Italy, Luxembourg, Britain, The Netherlands, Belgium and West Germany.

Theoretically, Star Wars was not one of the main subjects of the two-day WEU meeting which ended here yesterday. The official view was that it was essentially about carrying on the effort, which began in Rome last year, to make the 30-year-old organization more important as the voice of the European pillar of Nato.

The communiqué yesterday confined itself to saying: "The ministers also examined questions associated with research efforts concerning strategic defence. They agreed to continue their collective efforts ... in order to achieve as far as possible a co-ordinated reaction of their governments to the invitation of the United States to participate in the research."

At the end of the meeting, Mr Michael Heseltine, the British Defence Secretary, said: "We are at the very beginning of our dialogue with the US".

The British seem to have shown the most scepticism about Star Wars or, as some of the others might put, the greatest wish somehow, even at this late stage, to prevent it happening in any advanced form. There was a hint of this in the tone which Mr Heseltine adopted at the final press conference yesterday.

It was more guarded than that of Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, West Germany's Foreign Minister, even though Herr Genscher is understood to be more guarded than Chancellor Kohl. All in all, the general view in Bonn is that this first attempt by the WEU to deal with an important immediate issue has not resulted in much European Unity.

Huge crowds gather to bid farewell to Neves

São Paulo – Huge crowds of Brazilians, at least two million in São Paulo, and a third of Brasilia's million inhabitants, followed the cortege of President-elect Tancredo Neves on its journey to the presidental palace (Patrick Knight writes).

A service in the capital yesterday was attended by the heads of state of Portugal, Venezuela, Uruguay, Colombia and Paraquay, and by representives of many other countries. Senhor Neves died in São Paulo on Sunday.

What he never achieved in life – ascending the main ceremonial ramp of the presidential palace and wearing the presidential sash he came so close to putting of five weeks ago – was achieved by Senhor Neves in death, as his coffin was borne on the shoulders of six cadets.

Thousends of people, many in tears, queued to pay their last respects to a man many said had been Brazil's best President. The past couple of days have seen a massive expression of public grief, tinged with frustration.

Big crowds also gathered as the body was brought to Belo Horizonte, capital of Minas Gerais state, for which Senhor Neves had been senator and governor.

Italy hails visit by Honecker

Rome (Reuter) – Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, began talks with Italian political leaders yesterday at the start of a visit hailed in Italy as likely to pave the way towards better East-West understanding.

Herr Honecker's two-day trip, which will include an audience with the Pope, is the first by an East German head of state and government to the capital of a Nato and European Community nation.

It follows a visit to East Berlin last July by Signor Bettino Craxi, Italy's Socialist Prime Minister, during which, according to Italian political analysts, the two countries laid the foundation for a cautious dialogue.

Officials in Rome see the visit as significant, both for Italy's policy of improving relation with communist countries and for East Berlin's own *Westpolitik* initiatives.

Last year Herr Honecker called off a proposed visit to West Germany at short notice, under what Western commentators saw as heavy Soviet pressure. His arrival in Italy reflects something of a thaw in the East-West climate since then, analysts said.

Signor Craxi met Herr Honecker at Ciampino airport and was holding the first of two meetings with him at his office in central Rome.

Herr Honecker laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Piazza Venezia and was the luncheon guest of President Pertini. The East German leader was expected to press Signor Craxi to respond to the Soviet freeze on SS20 medium-range missile deployments in Europe.



Italy's guest: Herr Honecker, right, with Signor Craxi inspects a guard of honour at Rome airport.

New faces in the Politburo

Gorbachov goes for vigour



The promotion of Viktor Chebrikov, aged 62, to full Politburo membership confirms KGB support for Mr Gorbachov during he manoeuvring for power which preceded the death of Chernenko. General Chebrikov, who had been Yuri Andropov's deputy at the KGB, made clear his personal support for Mr Gorbachov by barely mentioning Chernenko in public speeches. A KGB whispering campaign also undermined the declining Chernenko and improved Mr Gorbachov's image as acting leader.

General Chebrikov, a large man with a steely gaze, joined the party in 1944. He made his early career in the party structure at Dnepropetrovsk in the Ukraine, which brought him close to Leonid Brezhnev. After Brezhnev's overthrow of Khrushchev, Mr Chebrikov joined the KGB as head of personnel, becomming deputy head of the secret police only a year later.

He became KGB Chairman in December, 1982, one of Andropovs first promotions, gaining the rank of general in November, 1983.

Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, who is of the same generation as Mr Gorbachov, has had a meteoric political career since leaving soviet industry, where he had experience of management.

Mr Ryzhkov, aged 55, graduated in engineering from the Urals Polytechnic in Sverdlovsk, and became a foreman of a local heavy machine building plant. He worked his way up to be chief engineer, then plant director, becoming at the age of 41 head of the important Uralmash conglomerate, which controls all heavy engineering in the Urals.

From there Mr Ryzhkov moved to government, as Deputy Minister for Heavy and Transport Engineering in 1975 and deputy head of Gosplan, the planning agency, four years later.

His rise to the top began with his appointment by Andropov as a Central Committee secretary in 1982. Seeing him as the kind of technocrat, Russia badly needed with a solid industrial background, Andropov put him in charge of the newly streamlined Economic Department.

Mr Yegor Ligachov, who becomes a full Politburo member without having been a candidate member, has been a important ally of Mr Gorbachov in the Secretariat. He is responsible for cadres, or personnel, and with Mr Gorbachov has presided over the continuing purge of old-guard, corrupt and incompetent officials at regional and provincial level.

Mr Ligachov, aged 65, worked first as an engineer in Novosibirsk, having qualified at the Moscow Institute of Aviation. He climbed the Komsomal and party ladder in Novosibirsk, becoming provincial secretary in 1959 before being brought to Moscow.

In 1965 he was sent as First Secretary to Tomsk. This career pattern suggests a bureaucrat and dullard, but Yuri Andropov, the former leader, spotted the ability and experience, which brought Mr Ligachov Central Committee membership in 1976.

At the December, 1983, Plenum, Andropov put him in charge of party organization in the Secretariat.

Tradition revived by royal couple

Florence (Reuter) – The Prince and Princess of Wales yesterday renewed a tradition of the British royal family dating back to the late 19th century by touring this centre of Renaissance culture.

The royal couple, who are making a 17-day visit to Italy, began their tour with visits to an 11th-century church and a collection of Renaissance paintings in the Palazzo Pitti.

Florence's artistic and architectural splendours have attracted the British royal family since Queen Victoria paid several visits to the city in the twilight of her reign.

The visitors' book in the Palazzo Vecchio: the seat of local government, has an entry by Queen Victoria dated April 20: 1888, as well as the signatures of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, who visited in 1961.

The Prince and Princess, who are staying in a 16th-century villa outside Florence, visited the San Miniato church on a hill overlooking the city, yesterday.

According to legend, Saint Miniato, after being beheaded in a Roman amphitheatre, carried his severed head across the River Arno to the spot where the church now stands.

As the royal couple left the church they lingered in a souvenir shop run by monks, where they were presented with a bottle of herbal liquor, a pot of honey and a ceramic bowl.

During a walkabout the Prince stooped to kiss the head of a pensioner who said she had met the Queen in Britain in 1953.

After lunch as guests at Villa I Colazzo, the country home of the Frescobaldis, the couple were to spend a relaxed afternoon without formal engagements.

Donald Regan dominates White House team

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

President Reagan has carried out a major reorganization of his White House team, which is intended to streamline policy development by placing political decision-taking in fewer hands.

Under the new arrangement Mr Donald Regan, his recently appointed Chief of Staff, has emerged as the dominant figure of the second Reagan Administration. He will preside at the top of the White House management ladder and will co-ordinate the work of two powerful new centralized Cabinet councils set up under the reorganization programme.

The first of these councils will be headed by Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, and will handle economic policy; the second, under Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, will deal with almost all aspects of domestic policy.

This new arrangement has meant the elimination of seven Cabinet councils which delat with commerce and trade, economic affairs, food and agriculture, human recources, legal policy, management and administration and natural resources and the environment.

Although Mr Reagan will be first among equals, Mr Baker and Mr Meese will have greatly expanded powers and will be more directly involved in managing the Government that is customary for Cabinet members in the US.

Mr Robert McFarlane, the President's national security adviser, will remai the President's chief White House adviser on foreign policy.

The restructuring means tha the formulation of policy during Mr Reagan's second term will essentially be carried out by a small group of three officials – Mr Baker, Mr Meese and Mr McFarlane. They will report to Mr Regan, who will serve as an ex-officio member of their councils (together with Vice-President George Bush), who in turn will be directly responsibe to the President.

The reorganization's most prominent conservatives – Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, and Mr William Casey, the director for the CIA. However, both men, as members of the National Security Council, will continue to exert influence over formulation of foreign policy.

Twilight days of Tarzan pal

Los Angeles (Reuter) – He likes an occasional cigar and a glass of brandy. He takes an occasional stroll in the neighbourhood or goes for a quiet drive to pass the time.

But it is a different life for Chetta the chimpanzee, who perhaps still remembers his Hollywood glory when he starred in films as the companion of Tarzan, played by Johnny Weissmuller or Lex Barker, and Jane, played by Maureen O'Sullivan.

Today Chetta, once a renowned scene-stealer, lives in retirement on a small ranch on the outskirts of Los Angeles with his owner and old friend, Tony Gentry.

Chetta is about 50 years old but he can still go through his old Tarzan routines, standing on his head and clapping with his feet, doing somersaults and curling his top lip to give a big, yellowy grin.

But most of the time Chetta sits back on Mr Gentry's couch and rests. "We've travelled a lot of roads toether and we're getting old", Mr Gentry said.

Mr Gentry, aged 78, and Chetta have been retired for five years.

New Cabinet named in Sudan

From Paul Vallely
Khartoum

Rebel southerners in Sudan have reacted coolly to the appointment of the country's new Cabinet.

The clandestine radio station of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army yesterday accorded the new Prime Minister, Dr Guzuli Dafalla, the description of "a very respectable citizen" but said that this meant little so long as the Cabinet was responsible to the military junta of General Swar al-Dahab.

In the capital, leaders of the Southern Sudanese in Khartoum group (SSK), the only body of southerners which refused to collaborate with the Nimeiry Government, expressed disquiet that only three ministries had been allocated to southerners, who deserved five to match their proportion in the population.

They objected partiularly to the appointment of Mr Oliver Battali Albino as Minister of Labour, because of a case of alleged corruption against him which was quashed by President Nimeiry. It involved the disappearance of £30,000 during a car imports deal.

Prime Minister: Dr Guzuli Dafalla; Deputy Premier: Samuel Aru Boi; Defence: Brigadier Osman Abdullah Muhammad; Interior: General Abbas Madani; Foreign: Ibrahim Taha Ayoub; Public Works: Oliver Battali Albino; Finance: Aouad Abdul-Maquid; Trade: Sidahmed Al-Sayed; Energy: Adbdul-Aziz Osman Musa; Transport: Peter Gatkouth Gual; Agriculture: Sidik Abdin; Education: Bishir Haj Al-Tour; Health: Hussein Abu-Saleh; Housing: Amin Bakit Madani; Culture: Muhammad Bishir Hamad.

Hopes of truce in tit-for-tat expulsions

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The British Amassador in Moscow, Sir Iain Sutherland, said yesterday that Britain hoped the present spate of tit-for-tat diplomatic expulsions would not adversely affect the "genuinely improving climate" of Anglo-Soviet relations.

The Russians, too, appeared keen to limit the damage to trade and commerce, though there were still fears that a further two Britons could be ordered to leave, to even the tally of expulsions to five on each side. There is also doubts over the forthcoming visit to Britain by Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minister.

The three British diplomats who have been ordered to leave Russia – Captain John Marshall, the Naval Attaché, Lieutenant-Commander Martin Littleboy, his assistant, and Miss Carol Robson, Second Secretary (Scientific) – were yesterday preparing to leave. They have been given 14 days to get out of the Soviet Union, but may leave sooner.

Captain Marshall, aged 47, who has three children in England, arrived at the end of June last year. He said he was "frightfully disappointed at having my job cut short in mid-stream". He was completely innocent of espionage charges, he said.

Lieutenant-Commander Littleboy, who is married with no children, has been in Moscow for 18 months. Diplomats pointed out the Russians could have chosen Lieutenant-Commander John Hardie, the other assistant navèl attaché, who is due to leave Moscow this summer.

Miss Robson, aged 30, joined the commercial section of the Embassy a year ago to cover scientific matters. She had formerly served in Ulan Bator, Mongolia.

Observers said the Russians had decided to cause maximum inconvenience in response to Britain's expulsion last week of the Soviet assistant naval attaché and an Aeroflot official for spying. The Kremlin had turned down a deal offered by the Foreign Office under which the three latest Russians to be expelled from London – Captain Viktor Zaikin, assistant naval attaché, Lieutenant-Colonel Vadim Cherkasov, assistant military attaché, and Mr Oleg Belaventsev, Third Secretary – could have left quietly, provided Moscow had refrained from retaliation against the first two expulsions.

THE ARTS

The new *Oxford Companion to English Literature* is published tomorrow; it has cost **Margaret Drabble**, as editor, five years of a busy life: interview by Caroline Moorehead

Long march through the foothills

This week, with tomorrow's much heralded publication of the new *Oxford Companion to English Literature*, there comes to an end what for one writer – and a fast and prolific writer of novels at that – has been a singularly long and sustained bout of work. For over five years Margaret Drabble has been compiling a revised edition: 9,000 entries, a full-time assistant, some 50 contributors, a prodigious feat of literary organization and appraisal. There were, she says, times of panic, "when it seemed it would never end, and the lists of things to check seemed to start reproducing themselves". She feels some relief to be free. "Except that in a sense I'll never be free. People will complain about it all my life."

The offer to take on the *Companion* came from the Oxford University Press "by letter, out of the blue". Drabble went to meet the board of selectors, uneasily aware that there must be some among them bound to object to such a seemingly inappropriate choice. "An outsider, a woman, a novelist – and from Cambridge. How could I have been worse?" Because she was not at that stage all that certain herself, the meeting stayed light-hearted. "We ended up joking, everyone searching through the old *Companion* for mistakes, saying 'Surely you can do better than *this*'."

Yet the prospect *was* daunting. There had been no thorough revision since Sir Paul Harvey, retired civil servant with an idiosyncratic vision of his own, was invited at the end of the 1920s by the OUP to produce something for literature along the lines of *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*, with English authors, plots of their works and their characters. Successive volumes, edited first by Harvey (who, one year, put in vintage wines and motor cars, then took them out smartly next time round) and later by Dorothy Eagle, involved no major new typesetting.

What Drabble was asked to do was a "radical rewrite". Did she hesitate? Her reply is precise. "It would have been cowardly to say 'no'." I said how enjoyable her entries were to read. "I hope so. It's meant to be readable. Not a list of things. Even jokes creep in. Harvey was browsey too, but in a different way, like the names of dogs belonging to landowners. I think I have a wider range of literary interests."

What, then, did she do to it? In her preface, Drabble announces that her intention, like Sir Paul Harvey's, was to provide a "useful companion to ordinary everyday readers of English literature". However, to make room for the new entries and expand the old ones, some ruthless pruning had to be done. Harvey's "allusions commonly met with, or likely to be met with" are mostly gone. Thus "Abaddon ... the angel of the bottomless pit" is out, and so is Abaris, said to have ridden through the air on an arrow.

By contrast, there have been generous expansions. Jane Austen, to whom Harvey devoted a bare half-column, now gets nearly two, which allows for a more discursive tone. "Her life", writes the new editor, "is notable for its lack of events; she did not marry, although she had several suitors, one of whom she accepted one evening only to withdraw her acceptance the following morning." Drabble says firmly that there are no entire areas of omission, but admits to a few small holes and to some over-long entries. She declines to say which. Some, she adds, are too short. "Stevie Smith should have had two more lines."

Work on the *Companion* was carried out in a small upstairs room in the house on the edge of Hampstead she has lived in for the last 19 years. Her assistant, Jenny Stringer, a purist, provided the essential spirit of organization. "I'm organized in terms of my life: I don't run out of milk and I answer my post promptly. But novels have a different tech- nique: you have to allow mess." Both women spent much time in libraries – "A wonderful education. I can't tell you how nice it is to know I can now look up things I don't know in my own book."

The obsession with the *Companion* grew. It ousted all other dinner-party conversation and, bit by bit, other work: teaching, the odd bit of journalism, public speaking, the rather pleasurable literary committee work and even a novel, subsequently lost. Halfway through it all she married Michael Holroyd ("... author and biographer, born in London and educated at Eton ... greatly contributed to a revival of interest in the art of biography ..."). Modestly, Drabble herself does not appear in her own *Companion* (nor does she list her many literary prizes in *Who's Who*). She certainly should, and indeed could, being born in 1939, the cut-off year, a date reached arbitrarily but of necessity. Bob Dylan was all set to go in, her son Adam having laboured all day on his entry. Then they found he was not born until the following year. "At least, that's what he claims", she says sternly and with doubt. "He *must* be older. Think: he could have been listed as one of the great modern poets."

The bulk of the *Companion* was delivered last April; proofs took her until Christmas. Since then she has returned to writing fiction, a tenth novel, staying, while actually writing in a rented house in Somerset. "I need to be alone. I have to drive myself into the nasty bits of writing. Sometimes I ask myself why I do it. It's like climbing up a very steep hill, forcing your legs all the way. It can be extraordinarily unpleasant. Though the view can be wonderful. That's why the *Companion* was such fun: lots of little hills, little essays, little marches forward."

Away from the enforced solitude of writing, her life is full. There is the house in Hampstead, Victorian, comfortable, a little shabby, full of green potted plants and dark wallpapers, home for the three children. (No regrets about them being grown up. "I quite often dream I have a horrible little baby and wake up intensely relieved it's not mine. It's a dream of horror, not longing.") There is Michael Holroyd's house in West London: "We're very unorthodox really; neither of us has a pattern." And there is the house in Somerset.

"I live all over the place. Today I shall buy three pairs of glasses, to have one in each house. That's the kind of solution that arrives only late in life." The five years on the fringes of academia have been just about enough. "No, I wouldn't like to be in that world." She ponders. "No, I don't like being tied to anything. I don't like having to answer to anyone."

● James Fenton will review the new *Oxford Companion* on tomorrow's Books Page.



Allan Titmuss

Margaret Drabble: "People will complain about it all my life"

Television

Getting bemused

Give Patrick Moore a studio and he transports you to the stars with his enthusiasm and knowledge. Give James Burke the world and he hops about like a flea on heat, making precious little sense at all.

In his personal view of The Day the Universe Changed (BBC1) – a costly, over-produced 10-parter – Burke has only to mention Jamaica for him to be whisked off there to finish his sentence, or "plantation owners" for perspiring actors to stroll into view. One is so bemused by the ever-rolling background that attention strays from the presenter. Not that what he says is all that interesting for, bless his velvet jacket, Mr Burke is no Bronowski. He also exudes a sense that he has learnt his lines instead of written them. His eyes constantly look down to what one can only guess is a script he still does not understand.

Last night's whistle-stop tour of world history, *Credit Where it's Due*, began with a shot of him drinking a cocktail. "This is the life", he said, and then got down to the more onerous task of explaining how profits from sugar-cane went the way of English aristocrats. Having been beamed on to a lawn where he was served tea, Burke walked about a country house, cup in hand, before warning us he had better sit down for what promised to be "weighty stuff". A problem arose, he expounded, his eyes wandering lapwards, of too much cash and not enough flow (more a problem of the programme, I would have thought, than eighteenth-century Britain). It was solved by Dutch bankers with whom our relations were good because "in 1688 we invited a Dutchman over to be, kind of, King".

Dissenters used this banking system to invest in coal-mining, road- and canal-building and, via distilleries – an excuse for a much-needed whisky – into harnessing steam power for railways. Consumerism had arrived. "Get it?", he kept saying optimistically, I'm afraid I kind of didn't.

Less ambitiously, Barbara Castle restricted her durable, single-minded self to the last 10 years in The 20th Century Remembered (BBC1). Interviewed at home by Donald MacCormick against a background of dried flowers, she revealed how Denis Healey heard of Harold Wilson's resignation on the lavatory and how, when Callaghan sacked her to make room for a younger person, "I nearly said well, why don't you start with yourself first". Her mouth twitched like a beautiful red butterfly caught in a spider's web as she regretted Tony Benn's failure to become leader of the Labour Party and our entry into the EEC. One way she eliminates the evils of the world is by weeding and spring-cleaning. Another is by vigorously promoting her brand of socialism. Would she retire from that? "Never."

Nicholas Shakespeare

Preview

Star teaching star

"Ballerina is human" are the first words spoken by Natalia Makarova in the unexpected documentary film A Class of Her Own to be shown on Channel 4 tonight. To see stars giving master classes is not uncommon nowadays, but in this instance Makarova shows herself, the leading ballerina of her generation, not giving but receiving a private class and docilely, even happily, accepting reproofs and corrections from the teacher.

Makarova performs what looks like a faultless sequence of movement, then tries it all over again because in the eyes of Irina Yacobson and herself it was not right the first time. Luckily there is not only their conversation but also a commentary by Makarova to make clear what they are getting at.

The idea of making the programme was Makarova's. Inspiration came, she says, with Irina Yacobson's arrival in the West and the memories that provoked of her studies as a girl at the Leningrad Ballet School. The teaching system there was developed by a former dancer, Agrippina Vaganova, and Yacobson – or Irina Pevsner as she was then – had been one of Vaganova's last pupils before her death in 1951.

"She became a classical ballerina", Makarova says, "but then she became ill and was out for three years. She returned as a character dancer, married Leonid Yacobson and became his assistant." Yacobson was a choreographer. "When I came from the school he just grabbed me and started creating pieces on me – Mayakovsky's *The Bedbug*, *The Land of Miracles* and others.

"He didn't like the classical line, and would say 'Stop doing these ugly things'. He used turned-in movement, like Fokine. He wanted to see a dancer very expressive in the torso, just moving. I had a very flexible body and he gave me this kind of freedom in the torso, which I can use even in the classics and makes my performance individual.

"In 1970 he invited me to join a small company he was running, a chamber ballet company, but although I was wanting a change I thought you can't go from the Kirov to this. That was when I came to the West. Since then he died and two years ago Irina came out as a Jewish emigrant. I made private classes with her, introduced her to John Neumeier who engaged her for Hamburg, and also to the Royal Ballet where she taught. And then came the idea to record the Vaganova teaching on film."

As a contrast, Makarova and the director Derek Bailey included sequences with Roland Petit to illustrate one of the different influences she came under in the West which have modified her style. As a further contrast, she and Bailey have since been working on a more conventional kind of star documentary, this time jointly for National Video and the BBC.

John Percival

Opera

Tippett's piercing vision lacking thrust

King Priam
Covent Garden

A crouching ovation of an extremely grudging nature greeted the revival on Monday night of Tippett's *King Priam* (at least until the composer appeared on stage, when the audience finally brightened up). Admittedly there are still problems in this strange opera, admittedly the Royal Opera's staging is fading fast, and admittedly there were some musical drawbacks to the evening. But *King Priam* remains a compelling, piercingly original, profoundly disturbing opera, among the greatest half-dozen of the twentieth century, I would say, and any audience that cannot perceive at least something of its genius needs its collective head examining.

It is true that the Covent Garden production, originally staged in Coventry in 1962 by Sam Wanamaker and now revived by Ande Anderson, is plain to a fault. But I have not seen the widely-praised Kent Opera production, and I came to know the opera through the London Sinfonietta's superb recording. The schematic way in which the relationships are laid out on Sean Kenny's silting stage mirrors quite adequately the extreme (and untypical) clarity of Tippett's libretto, and only the garish back projections and the obsolescent Star Wars machine that dominates the battle scenes are grating.

What this revival lets us hear is the psychological penetration of Tippett's daring writing, which juxtaposes wildly contrasting material for the different characters, and makes it work as an illustration of their contrasting temperaments: Hecuba's fiery violins (here played, as was originally intended, by a scuttering *tutti* and not by a soloist), Andromache's cellos, Priam's lugubrious bass instruments.

Perhaps the predominately two-part textures seem too thin for a house the size of Covent Garden; but that helps the words to come across from most of the characters with unusual clarity. Not, alas, from Alexander Malta as King Priam, unaccountably chosen to make his house début in a role that did not suit his voice or his language; we look forward to hearing him as Boris or Fasolt. But from Paris, both as the superb boy Nicholas Sillitoe, and as the lithe, vivid adult Robin Leggate, the agony of choice and the aching joy of passion emerge strongly.

The other singer who makes a very strong impression is Felicity Palmer as Andromache (she is making a long-delayed house début, and is the only singer in the cast borrowed from the recording). She is tempted to press too hard on the notes, which is unnecessary, since her depth of feeling is clear enough. Phyllis Cannan, more at home on this stage, conveys Hecuba's single-minded determination – all the fiercer in contrast to Priam's ambivalence – with great strength.

There are very few set-pieces in *Priam* to compare with the cut and thrust of the sharp-edged dialogue (perhaps another reason for audience disconcert) but Anne Howells makes a highlight of her last-act aria, and the final scene of reconciliation with Priam is moving. The trio of the Nurse (Elizabeth Bainbridge), the Old Man (John Gibbs) and the young guard (Hugh Hetherington), whose secret refusal to kill the baby Paris sparks off the drama, make an impressive chorus, but they are unimaginatively directed.

Elgar Howarth, conducting here for the first time, draws some remarkably sure playing from the solo instruments, and both piano (amplified?) and guitar solos were excellent. All that is missing is the real grip and projection which would thrust this great story at us, instead of allowing us to take it or leave it.

Nicholas Kenyon



Tragic climax: the death of Priam

London débuts

Stunning ensemble

The maturity demonstrated by the Alexander String Quartet came as a heartening surprise, considering the relative youth of the players. This American ensemble, winners of the 1985 City of Portsmouth Prize, were expert enough to achieve a stunning degree of ensemble in the Allegro-Pizzicato of Bartók's Fourth Quartet and also a fresh modernity in Beethoven's E minor "Razumovsky" that each made a profound effect. Their leader is no megalomaniac, and the balance achieved is entirely natural, players emerging and receding with musicality. Occasionally the cellist was a shade too conspicuous, but this never obscured the high spontaneity of these performances.

The New Chamber Orchestra of Stockholm under Iona Brown's vivacious direction presented a light programme of works for strings with an engrossing unity of purpose. Tchaikovsky's *Souvenir de Florence* may not sound exactly Italianate, but the orchestra's broad line in the opening movement and feeling for that special brand of Russian sentimentality in the succeeding Adagio conjured up an intensely evocative image. An ability gradually to accumulate sonority, and yet never to become raw, was an indication of the players' quality. Dag Wirén's slightly hackneyed Serenade sprang to life under their delicately detailed attack, and this opened the concert in an ideally springlike mood.

Continuing the "Sounds of Sweden" series at the Wigmore Hall, a group of four lieder singers each presented a short programme. The mezzo Maria Höglind utilized the light and sombre timbres of a fine voice, but, though individual sounds were frequently moving, they somehow did not connect into flowing phrases. Nevertheless, she poured out her heart in the plaintive recitative style of Sigurd Koch's "In the Tea Field" and also assured one of her higher range in Granados's "La maja dolorosa". One could not fault the basic expressivity of the voice, only perhaps its adaptability in characterization.

Urban Malmberg, a baritone who featured as a boy soprano in Bergman's televised *Magic Flute* production, is now embarking on an operatic career. He is 23 and despite a small frame tends towards the bass end of the register, as was displayed in a dissipated song by Ture Rangström. Though facially expressive, his projection of the meaning of the text in two operatic arias remained unconvincing. Technique was uppermost, as was an all-too-obvious concern to vary his voice.

I should like to hear the soprano Hillevi Martinpelto in the role of Adele in *Die Fledermaus*. Though perhaps her high range is a little insecure, she has a relaxed delivery that is charmingly naive. Five of Hugo Wolf's Italian lieder were her main contribution, and, though loud notes were a little over-insistent, there was admirable breadth in "Oh, war'dein Haus durchsichtig". The aria "Pace, pace" from Verdi's *La forza del destino* was the *coup de grâce* and here she became transformed into a singer of real potential; she focused her voice into an uplifting mood of noble purity.

Sonay Wallentin, a tenor and the last of the group, embarked upon a professional singing career in his early thirties, and an Italian vocal training is uppermost in his artistry, as was evident in his choice of arias by Bellini, Puccini and Leoncavallo. But his striving to achieve an Italian ambience led to some sobbing histrionics in "Vesti la giubba" from *Pagliacci* that were simply funny rather than musically potent.

It is with a feeling of privilege that I write about the British cellist Timothy Hugh. On paper his solo programme looked forbiddingly esoteric – the three Britten Suites and Peter Sculthorpe's *Requiem* – but in this recital one became oblivious to the identity of the composer, such was the degree of concentration that the player elicited from the audience. He has taken this music deeply into himself and succeeds in projecting it because his intellect, though authoritative, is accessible. Mr Hugh is much more than just a cellist, he is a musician with a compelling insight into the creative urge behind the notes.

James Methuen-Campbell

Concerts

Philharmonia/ Sinopoli
Festival Hall/Radio 3

Après Wagner le déluge. The Philharmonia had planned a particularly enticing programme showing how Ravel and Scriabin, in their different ways, took shelter from the musical and temporal chaos around them just before the First World War. Where, then, was their audience? It was rather like a Monday night at the theatre: too many empty seats and too little feedback, except, alas, from a rebellious amplification system whose speakers decided to boycott the beginning of *Bolero*.

Even the spirit of Saint-Saëns, unaware and blissful in his Third Concerto, was a little dampened. Salvatore Accardo was right to make his violin an only reluctant virtuoso. Reticence follows everywhere in the wake of rhetoric: the eagerness to withdraw was nicely caught in the first movement, and in the light, ephemeral bowing of the *siciliano*. But Accardo was not on his best form: passage-work was bright without being brilliant, lyricism was held on too tight a rein.

Scriabin, who looked for his shelter in a search for transcendental ecstasy through sound, would have had to admit failure on Monday. As a piece of prismatic orchestration, a dance of instrumental and rhythmic detail, Giuseppe Sinopoli's performance of *Le Poème de l'extase* was masterly. As an attempt to realize Scriabin's own albeit fey ideal of "a musical phrase ending in a scent, a chord resolved into a colour, a melodic line whose climax becomes a caress", it admitted defeat too soon.

Where the artifice, miniaturism and near-fragmentary nuances of Ravel's homage to the eighteenth century provided another form of aesthetic escape, things were happier. The Philharmonia, in particular the wind soloists, seemed to enjoy the vision of music transfixed by its own image which was created so potently in their pastel-tinted *Le Tombeau de Couperin*. By comparison, their performance of *Bolero* was downright iconoclastic, with its coarsely caricatured solos and its percussion acting as a battering ram laying siege to the twentieth century. Only those perverse creatures like me with a gut antipathy to the work could have found the performance so refreshing.

Hilary Finch

Shumsky/Vignoles
St John's/Radio 3

If Oscar Shumsky had begun this recital in the sort of form he finished it – with an account of Hindemith's Sonata in D, Op 11 No 2, that was apt in style and rich in emotion – it would have been a sunny lunchtime indeed.

The florid chromatic counterpoints of Hindemith's outer movements were projected by Shumsky and the pianist Roger Vignoles (an equal partner in this turbulent dialogue) with inspired vigour. In the slow central movement the violinist developed an arch-shaped pattern of intensity, rising from a noble, restrained opening to a superbly controlled outburst of rhapsody, before subsiding to a remarkable close – hollow and without vibrato. In this 1918 composition the young Hindemith seems to cast as many backward glances at late Romantic lyricism as he makes progressive gestures – and it was this radiant retrospective quality that Shumsky developed so successfully.

The problem with his opening – Schubert's *Rondo brillant*, D895 – seemed to be his stylistic indecisiveness. His playing fluctuated between big-toned flourishes and strange, rather jerky articulations; but in this extended piece with its virtuosic demands the violinist needs to be in no doubt of either his technique or his approach.

There were occasional intonation problems in Dvořák's Four Romantic Pieces too – but here Shumsky was much surer of his ground. He laid on the charm liberally, investing Dvořák's already rather sugary melodies with plenty of ripe portamenti, flamboyant tonal variation and, in the Allegro sections, some bouncing Slavonic-style bowing that brought a great excitement to the music. Best of all, however, was his ending of the celebrated Larghetto: having charmed us with some affecting double-stoppings he relaxed and produced a beautiful, dusky tone for the elegiac close.

Richard Morrison



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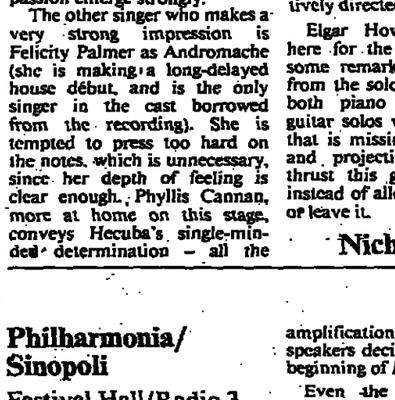
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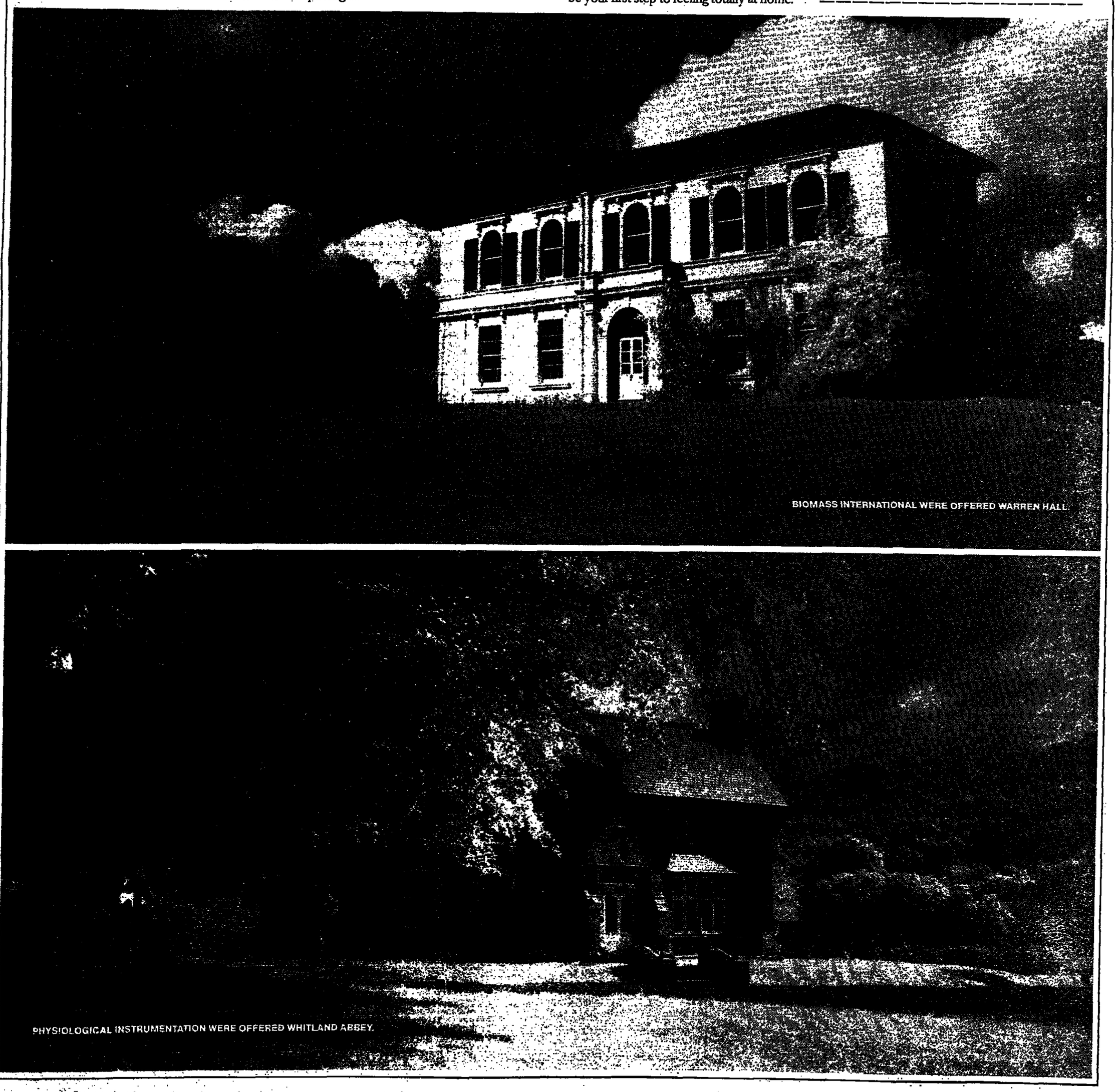
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In his final report, **Derek Harris** looks at the tobacco barons' search for new markets in their battle for survival

Poorer countries where cigarettes still sell



Smoking is declining in most of the West, but still going up in Russia, China, Italy, Spain, Greece and some poorer Third World countries – along with their incidence of lung cancer deaths

World cigarette production in 1982 was 4,569,597 million which might turn out to be an historic figure. It could have been the highest peak for the cigarette, as a global pattern of decline begins.

Ever since cigarette-making machinery ushered in cheaper smoking in the second half of the last century, cigarette production has been climbing. The 1982 production peak was 17 per cent up on the average production during the years 1974 to 1978.

It is the United States Department of Agriculture which attempts the singularly difficult task of drawing up statistics for world cigarette production and it was in 1983 that the USDA charted a sign of faltering. Production dropped 0.1 per cent compared to 1982 when there had been a growth of 0.19 per cent over the previous year. It is clearly a minor shift, although it represents a lot of cigarettes – rather more than 4.5 billion to be reasonably precise.

There is, however, some indication that the process of decline continued last year. World leaf tobacco production in 1982 was 6.99 million tonnes, according to the Commonwealth Secretariat. In 1983 production dropped 13 per cent and then last year another 1.6 per cent. Areas under cultivation for tobacco also reduced last year by some 50,000 hectares or just over 1 per cent.

There is other evidence. BAT, the world's largest tobacco company and probably the biggest single exporter with a brand leader in no less than 34 countries, has built up a formidable market intelligence. It estimates that in the industrialized countries cigarette consumption was down about 1 per cent last year. This year it is looking for a return to some slight growth. In lesser developed countries there was a decline of about 2 per cent.

Ostensibly, lesser developed countries are potentially big growth areas for cigarette smoking. Consumption in such countries does however appear to depend on the relative economic progress in such areas, which means that some are likely to be slow in becoming big users of commercially made cigarettes. Certainly, consumption per head in less developed countries is often only a fraction of that in the industrialized nations.

Cigarette consumption as an average per inhabitant ranges between 2,500 and just over 3,000 a year, in a variety of developed countries including north America and Japan, according to the Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. But the 10 lowest totals, all in lesser developed countries, are all put below 150 a year.

What this presumably leaves out of the account his how far, in poorer countries, people grow and roll their own. Dr Keith Ball, a physician at Central Middlesex Hospital, near London, has made a number of studies in various parts of the world and points out that this backyard production of tobacco can be a noticeable element, in India for example.

Health education appears to have made the least penetration in undeveloped countries. But taxation policies could be having an impact in some of them. Sudan and Ethiopia figure among the 10 countries with the lowest per capita consumption. In both countries, tax and duty is particularly high compared with some of their neighbours, particularly in other parts of the Middle East.

'China is biggest producer of cigarettes'

Increasingly, in Arab countries health education campaigns are being pursued. Duty and tax as a percentage of price tends to run from about a third to a half although Egypt's is much higher, according to BAT. But volume sales in Egypt still rose by about 15 per cent between 1982 and 1983.

Anecdotal evidence points to a considerable incidence of cigarette smoking in eastern bloc countries, including Russia, despite a lack of advertising. Production of cigarettes in Russia is still rising, up nearly 3 per cent in 1983 compared with the year before. Bulgarian cigarette production is still going up, although in Poland it has been reducing since 1980.

China is the world's biggest producer of cigarettes, mostly for domestic consumption. There, production is still on a rising curve. In 1983 it was nearly half as much again compared to 1979.

There is evidence that deaths from lung cancer in China are rising, according to Dr Ball, with a marked rise in such deaths in Shanghai.

Cigarette smoking is a widespread habit in Japan where about one in three adults smoke, with sales up 135 per cent since 1960. In 1948 tobacco consumption was 0.6 kilogrammes per head a year, but by 1980 this had more than quadrupled to 2.7 kilogrammes. Since 1980 there have been signs that sales have reached a plateau.

In Japan cigarette production is a state monopoly and imports in 1983 accounted for only 1.6 per cent of the market. Philip Morris accounts for about 60 per cent of the imports.

But Japan presents an apparent mystery. Tobacco-related deaths are much lower than in many developed countries. Between 1969 and 1981 the lung cancer death rate for both men and women almost doubled but in the later year the rate for men per 100,000 population was 28.7 compared with 109 in England and Wales and was 10.3 for women compared with the England and Wales figure of 33.1. In 1969 the England and Wales rates were 60 for men and 13.3 for women.

The most important factor, according to Dr Ball, is that the Japanese came to smoking in large numbers comparatively late, after the Second World War. Smoking, under the age of 20, is also prohibited by law. Lung cancer rates have been shown to be higher when smoking starts at the age of 15 than when the habit is taken up at 25, Dr Ball points out. Many Japanese also apparently merely puff the smoke into their mouths with much less inhalation into the lungs.

In most of the developed, industrialized countries, cigarette sales are either falling or have at least reached a plateau. Sales in a few are still rising, notably in Europe within Italy, Spain and Greece. Australian sales appear to have peaked between 1980 and 1982 with the following year showing a downturn. There has been a similar pattern in Canada. In Brazil sales have been sliding since 1980.

In the United States the biggest sales bulge, of 627 million, came in 1981. Subsequently there has been a decline of about 5 per cent.

With this trend looking as though it will continue, it means the big American tobacco companies (the largest single concentration of tobacco manufacturing power) are

'Marlboro is best seller in world'

increasingly looking abroad for tobacco sales as well as diversifying into other activities.

R. J. Reynolds and Philip Morris are the biggest US producers, but in 1983 Reynolds was finally toppled as market leader by Philip Morris, a corporate dynamo whose aggressiveness earned it the nickname of "the Red Machine" after its dominant brand colour. Another big producer is Brown & Williamson, the American arm of BAT.

Reynolds's brands include the historic Camel, which has been revamped, Winston, Salem and More. Morris's Marlboro is the best seller in the world as well as being the leading brand in America. Philip Morris claims to be the second largest cigarette producer worldwide, outside the various state monopolies. It claims to account for nearly 10 per cent of the world cigarette market.

The Marlboro brand started life as a product aimed at women with a red tip to hide lipstick marks. One early advertising jingle ran: "Cherry tips to match your ruby lips". It was in the middle 1950s that Marlboro went macho and the Marlboro cowboy first rode out.

In 1971, Marlboro outsold any other brand world-wide for the first time. While US total sales have been sliding, the Philip Morris sales, with brands like Virgina Slims and Merit as well as Marlboro, have gone up 6 per cent in the past three years. But it has had a tougher time with its diversifications in brewing with Miller and soft drinks with Seven-Up.

American Brands, which include the British firm of Gallaher, markets Lucky Strike, Pall Mall and Carlton in America. Another US tobacco manufacturer with a British connection is Liggett & Myers which is a subsidiary of Grand Metropolitan, the hotels, drinks and leisure group. Liggett's brands in the US include Chesterfield, Lark and L & M as well as a range of unbranded "generic" cigarettes, a growth sector and focus of a withering price war.

The American tobacco companies are increasingly beleagured. The passive smoking controversy has

'Cancer court case could be watershed'

had most impact and has brought more action, including legislation in some states to protect non-smokers.

Brown & Williamson came up with a low-tar brand, Barclay, which appeared to deliver disproportionate flavour. Usually tar content and flavour roughly equate, so the lower the tar rating usually the less flavour in a given amount of smoke.

The Barclay filter allowed passage of air down comparatively large filter tubes. Relatively flavourful tobacco smoke came through the other part of the filter. Air and smoke mixed in the mouth but not before the flavour was savoured. On normal test machines Barclay delivered a low tar smoke.

Then questions were raised on the way smokers actually used these cigarettes. Did they champ on those air tubes or block off at least half the air-effect with their lips? The controversy over whether Barclay is as low tar a cigarette as normal tests indicate is still going on. It has been introduced to a few other markets.

In one, Switzerland, the controversy is getting another airing.

Whenever the question of the statistical correlation between smoking and diseases like lung cancer comes up, tobacco companies usually point to the lack of conclusive proof of a direct causation between smoking and various diseases. But a trial is due in California in which Reynolds is being charged with being directly to blame for a cancer death. If a tobacco company were held to be responsible for this it could be a watershed.

Apart from the US and Britain there is one other crucial power base in tobacco and that is in South Africa, home of the Rembrandt Group headed by the powerful but secretive Dr Anton Rupert, the former chemist who built his empire from selling Rothman cigarettes. Rothmans International, like BAT based in Britain and with its sales predominantly in many foreign markets, was, in the early 1970s, the vehicle for bringing together many Rembrandt interests.

Reynolds nearly bought an interest in Rothmans just over four years ago but Philip Morris moved in and has ended up with almost a quarter of voting equity. Rembrandt is still the key shareholder with some 44 per cent of the voting rights.

Clearly, while the tobacco giants together fight what now seems the inevitable if slow decline of their industry, the battles between the companies themselves are unlikely to be over.



Paula Youens

Why the Mafia gave it up



No longer do the blue speedboats engage in battles with the armed launches of the Customs police in the Bay of Naples and, being faster, often get away with their cargoes of smuggled cigarettes. Nor, for the last year to two, does a little man with a bagful of Marlboros hang around a corner behind San Silvestro, the church in Rome serving the British Roman Catholic community.

Some vendors still tour restaurants while others have taken to touting throwaway gas-filled lighters, which are smaller and easier to carry. But residents of Rome and Naples agree that the trade no longer flourishes on the scale of the 1970s.

There appear to be three reasons for this. First, the economic one. The market is in United States brands and, like all American exports, the surge in the value of the dollar no longer allows a worthwhile margin. It is difficult to undercut the wares of the state monopoly when the dollar has doubled from 930 lire at the end of 1980 to 2,000 now.

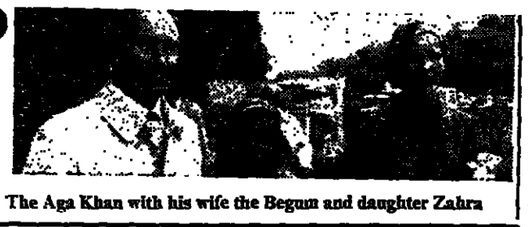
Second, it has proved much more profitable for the families of the Naples Camorra, as the local version of the Mafia is called, to move into the drug businesses. Expensive means of transport like ships and speedboats are no longer needed, while the value-added element in each consignment is incomparably higher.

In recent years the Camorra has extended its business links to the Middle and Far East, and across the Atlantic to the US and producer countries like Colombia. This process of gaining control over supply and distribution routes brought violent gang warfare in the early 1980s. In 1981, there were 236 murders in Naples alone.

Lastly, the earthquake in November 1980 which flattened small towns east of Naples provided a godsent opportunity for diversifying into the construction business. The Prefect of Naples, in a report to Rome in March 1983, said the earthquake had "overturned the geography of Camorrista power and imparted a brusque acceleration" in its transformation into building concerns. Cigarette smuggling was becoming a mere side-line.

TOMORROW

The Times profile: The Aga Khan by Edward Mortimer



The Aga Khan with his wife the Begum and daughter Zahra

Thoughts from some corner of a foreign classroom

The career of an English teacher abroad can often be reduced to broad Hobbesian terminology: noisy, brutish, and sometimes short. Any occupation to do with children is usually noisy and this one is no exception.

The foreign hordes, seemingly continual harbingers of loud sound, sweep down en masse on the poor unsuspecting English teacher, bearing him or her away under a barrage of incomprehensible tongues to start the first lesson. These are the unlucky ones. The more fortunate may be greeted by a circumspect silence, born out of curiosity and a school used to imposing discipline on its pupils. But here we look at some of the things that do, but not necessarily will, go wrong when teaching English as a foreign language abroad.

Sometimes the interest of a new face from across the waves will quell even the noisiest of children but slowly and surely, like the tide coming in, the sound level in the classroom will rise until the foreign teacher suddenly realizes the laughable difficulty of trying to tell someone to shut up in a language other than their own.

It is at this stage the proceedings may reach comical proportions resembling a badly rehearsed amateur dramatic farce (in which everyone knows their lines except the poor incumbent teacher) depending on whether the headmaster puts in a rescue appearance or not. If he or she does it will usually result in an ephemeral evanescent silence which also brings total humiliation and a mild form of paranoia to the English teacher as head and class conduct a gesture-filled conversation with inquisitive stares in the direction of the bemused teacher.

Such incidents can be fuelled by various happenings: Communist Party demonstrations taking place outside the classroom window, (Greece at the time of writing), or the outbreak of tribal warfare (the Sudan). The latter tends to have the unfortunate result of pupil participation with girls throwing bricks at each other across the compound and the boys looking for something more potentially African and dangerous.

The latter example is a good case of the children's tendency to lapse into some form of brutish behaviour at times, although admittedly a rare and extreme one. More common occurrences of this type can be found, however, not with the children, but far less excusably with the owners or headmasters of the schools themselves.

It is difficult to escape the conclusion that in certain places teaching is quite clinically regarded as a pure business venture and that as long as the scholarly turnstiles are kept clicking, nothing else matters.

Teachers are often treated as mere English language-speaking objects to provide status and extra revenue for the school. Again this depends on the organization, and being a foreigner does not help, but many heads will use a teacher as a tool, trying to extract extra work and hours, not in their contract, but which they suddenly find themselves under considerable pressure to do. The correlation between work performance and the number of hours put in is totally irrelevant. Basically, if you can be exploited, make no mistake, you will be.

Other factors pointing towards the business rather than educational side of these schools include the giving of above realistic marks to please parents and the lack of classroom discipline which, if imposed, might lead to pupils transferring schools. For those with lofty teaching ideals a year abroad may be marvellous experience but in many cases could shatter the professional illusions instilled by foreign language teaching courses.

It is perfectly reasonable to be the innocent abroad when you first arrive in a country but even so it is hard to swallow the fact that some of the things you were told in the interview, so



previously palatable, now appear decidedly stale with an aura of impending rottenness.

The search for accommodation, for instance, may take on huge peripatetic proportions, especially if you suddenly discover you are teaching at two schools miles apart. Some schools offer accommodation but others merely shrug their shoulders and pass the buck, which is simply not good enough when you have probably paid your own air fare and spent a lot of money on a course to come and teach for them.

Unrevealed facts about travelling or Saturday working may confront teachers. Timetables are usually arranged purely for the benefit of the pupils and large chunks of so-called free time can be spent commuting between several schools a day in unpleasant rush-hour conditions.

When stuck on a bus in some little Greek suburb with another 70 people standing like vertical sardines, the thought of going to work and back 20 times a week is not very appealing. Add to this rather unrealistic timetable expectations where you may face a gruelling 10-hour day one day, and a mere two or three hours the next but with the same amount of travelling, it becomes even less appealing.

Wages may also prove considerably less adequate than expected and the only way to discover this is when you have to try and live on them. This varies from organization to organization and country to country and the best advice is to study contracts carefully and find out as much as possible about the cost of living – preferably from a more neutral source than the interviewer.

For more experienced teachers the oil-producing states are the places for very generous financial rewards, and in countries like Bulgaria and the Sudan considerable amounts of your salary can be saved. But the conditions in these countries must not be forgotten.

With the poor conditions and bad pay in some European private schools especially it is hardly surprising that some teachers quit the job. It is not unheard of for a teacher to disappear even before having taught a lesson.

What is less explicable is that so many employers are slow or unwilling to improve the circumstances which are the root cause of the teachers' basic insecurity and the midnight departures. Trusting in the ignorance and naivety of each new candidate they will suffer the same agonies year after year, primarily, one suspects, for the sake of a few extra pennies. In this way the career of an English teacher abroad can be regrettably shorter than it should.

So what makes anyone want to teach abroad, a job that at first sight seems appealingly like the Mecca of all temporary jobs: a year's holiday in the sun?

Despite the exploitation, the drawbacks, the lack of communication, the isolation, it is tremendous experience and one to be remembered for the rest of your life. It can be an incredibly hard and lonely existence, with just the epistolary lifeline and the World Service to keep you going. In the first few weeks such simple tasks as shopping can assume mammoth proportions purely because of that frustrating inability to communicate in another language.

John Upton

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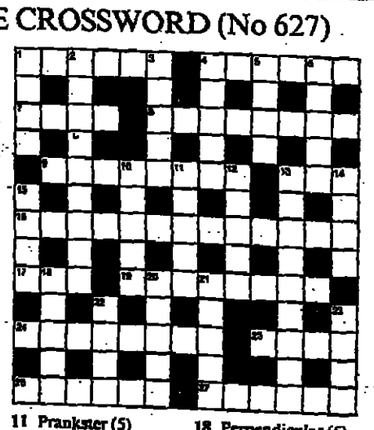
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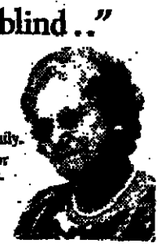
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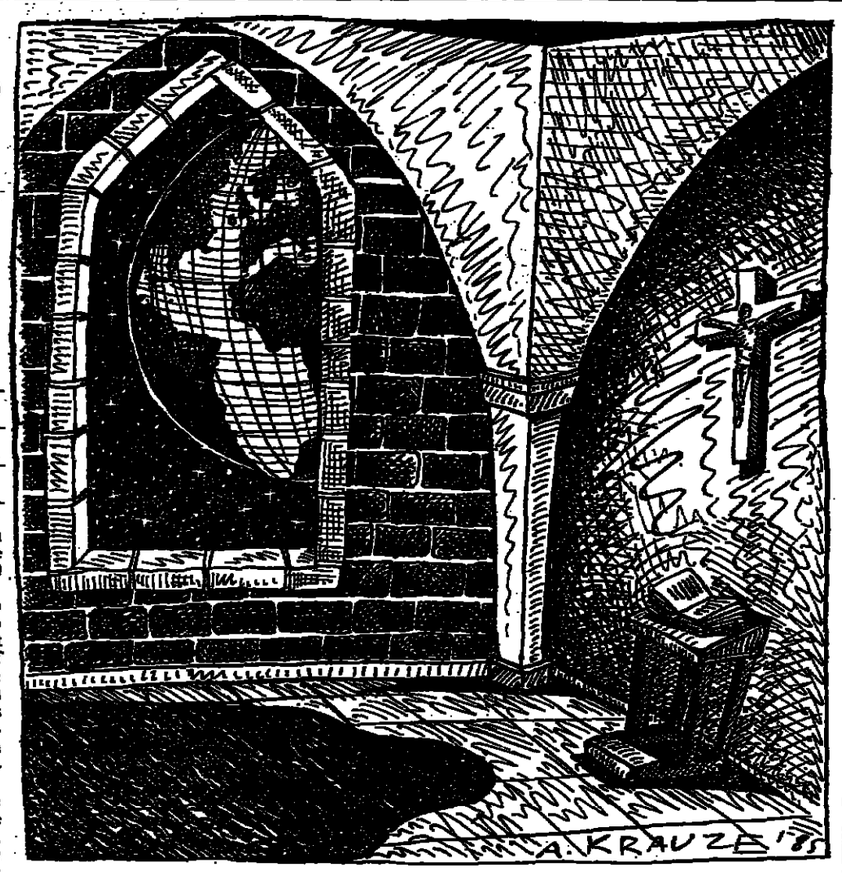
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Revealed: nun's letters to the outside world

Benedictine nun Dame Felicitas Corrigan has just written a book about the extraordinary friendship of her first Abbess with Bernard Shaw and Sir Sydney Cockerell. Caroline Moorehead reports



At 9.30 each morning, with prayers, reading, morning office, breakfast, manual labour and mass behind her, Dame Felicitas Corrigan disappears up the stairs to her "snuggery in the attic" and gets down to literary work. She is a Benedictine nun in her seventies, belonging to the community at Stanbrook Abbey outside Worcester.

Tomorrow sees the publication of *The Nun, the Infidel and the Superman*, Dame Felicitas's biography of her first Abbess, Dame Laurentia McLachlan, a woman of outstanding musical gifts but most remarkable perhaps for her friendships, in particular with fine art expert Sir Sydney Cockerell and writer Bernard Shaw, who called her "an enclosed nun with an unenclosed mind".

It is not Dame Felicitas's only published book: the last 40 years have seen a steady production of monographs, anthologies and biographical notes. But it is her first signed book. Anonymity, up until now, has been considered desirable.

Dame Felicitas is a slight, energetic woman. She has been a member of the enclosed order of Benedictines since 1933 when, the fifth child in a Liverpool family of 14, with a degree in English and a training as an organist, she came to Stanbrook Abbey as Dame Laurentia's first novice. She is worldly, outspoken and funny. For the last 30 years she has been writing twice-yearly circular letters to friends; they are

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humorous and pertinent. Her conversation reflects all the minute domesticity of institution life – milk puddings and infraction of the rules – combined with recondite scholastic thinking, sometimes hard to follow for someone not versed in medieval church history. "We're absolutely ordinary women", she says. "But I bet there's more laughter and more clever conversation in this monastery than in much of the world outside."

She may be right about the conversation; but the point about the Benedictines is that they are not very ordinary women. The property that is now Stanbrook Abbey was acquired when a community of English nuns at Cambrai, daughters of British Catholics driven to France by religious intolerance were driven back to England in 1795 by the French Revolution. Their founder, Dame Gertrude More, great-great-granddaughter of Sir Thomas More, translated St Francis de Sales. The nuns who gathered round her were scholars as well as needlewomen and later printers.

Over lunch in the Stanbrook Abbey guest-house, a square stone building 50 yards down the drive, a visiting Benedictine monk said: "Legend has it that you need a First to come to Stanbrook". Dame Felicitas rejects the implicit notion of exclusiveness impatiently: "We're not a race of blue stockings raising social barriers". But she agrees that almost all aspirants today are graduates and "not less than 25 or 26, so that they know that the world is a seductive place. Those who used to come at 17 never grew up". In the monastery kitchen are two of the younger nuns: one has a degree in Hebrew, Greek and Latin, the other in medieval history.

How did Dame Felicitas start writing? "Dame" is a Benedictine appellation; the monks are known as Dom. Their house is a monastery, not a convent. Dame Felicitas produces these details firmly, but with great friendliness). "It was a sheer accident. Every year the community did various things for the abbess's feast: vestments, woven garments, things for her to give away. Except me, I was no good with my hands. So one year I did a monograph on our first abbess, Dame Catherine Gascoigne. The next was a book of letters written to nuns; then came an anthology of the literary works of the abbey. One day I showed the letters, copied out in a penny lesson book, to one nun, our star in medieval history. She told me I should send it to a publisher". In 1946 appeared *Any Saint to Any Nun*. It went into a second edition before publication (not by a Catholic publisher, however: "A book is a book. It must stand on its merits".)

The Nun, the Infidel and the Superman has a longer history. After Dame Laurentia McLachlan died in 1953, Dame Felicitas thought to repeat her earlier idea of a monograph for the new abbess. She went round the older nuns taking down their memories of "little Maggie McLachlan, with her broad Glaswegian accent" who came to the monastery school at 15 and left it only for a break of six months before entering as a novice at 18, never to leave the enclosure until her death 70 years later.

As Dame Felicitas worked, so more and more letters came to light – Sir Sydney Cockerell sent the abbey eight volumes – proof of intense friendships with men and women who were often neither Catholic nor believers and with whom Dame Laurentia had kept up a regular, often highly argumentative correspondence.

Some of these letters made their way into a first book, more of a history of the abbey, published under the title *In a Great Tradition* in 1956. (It was also a Book Society Choice.) The new book is devoted entirely to Dame Laurentia's friendships and has been made possible by time: new letters have been unearthed, some of the older nuns who venerated the abbess and might have minded the sophistication of such a book have died, and passages from Shaw, previously deemed too irreverent, have been included. "We're not shockable now."

To the outsider, the fact that such friendships could exist at all between an enclosed nun and especially worldly agnostics is perplexing. Dame Felicitas considers it normal. The Benedictine order, she says, is such as to encourage it. "When I entered it was considered courteous to answer all letters. That was seen as an apostolic part of your work. We have no footling rules about numbers of visitors. And, you know, the iron grille had a strange effect: it encouraged confidences." From the circular letters and her conversation it is clear that Dame Felicitas, too, has good friendships.

The nuns rise at 5am to read and pray; their day ends at 10pm, with curfew. In between come many hours of sung offices (the abbey being renowned for its plainsong), much hard work (the Benedictine rule being that each monastery must be self-sufficient or earn its keep), and several hours of reading "to nourish the prayer". They seldom leave the enclosure, although Dame Felicitas has been to Africa to help set up a new monastery and to do research in the Bodleian Library in Oxford, when she was too flummoxed by the decimal currency she had never seen before to buy herself a hot dog.

In the monastery, there is no radio and no television. Dame

There was once one hot tap for 50 nuns, now there are bathrooms

Felicitas, however, reads *The Times*, the *Spectator* and the *Times Literary Supplement* "regularly" and next week is to give a lecture on religious manuscripts before playing the organ at Worcester Cathedral with the Stanbrook choir of nuns.

With her friendships, her considerable talents, she is clearly in Dame Laurentia's mould. It is hard for a visitor, though, not to find these contradictions, the clear, cerebral scholasticism and the remoteness from familiar freedoms, confusing."

Has life at the abbey altered much since Dame Laurentia's time? "Oh yes. Terribly. In every way, my dear." Some changes are, of course, good and Dame Felicitas acknowledges them. Until a few years ago there was just one hot tap for more than 50 nuns: now there are bathrooms. Cream serge, worn at all times against the skin, has been replaced by cotton. There is more sleep and a loggia in which to take recreation.

Some of the changes, however, she deplores. With the Second Vatican Council came a powerful wind of reform. "People in the Church went mad. They confused form and formalism. You've got to have form. To sweep it away as they did was lamentable. They did away with ceremonial, tiny things like bowing to the abbess. They decided there should be only one class of nun, so, overnight, all distinction of vocation was done away with and our 22 lay sisters, taking simple vows, now became choir sisters, taking our solemn vows. I'm not a feminist, not at all. But the dear fathers do have their nuns to look after them, don't they?"

Remembering the compulsory daily study of Latin and the specialization of every nun in one of the early Christian fathers, Dame Felicitas sounds full of regret. "And then taking away the iron grilles. That would have been around 1967. Would it horrify you to know that I liked them? They were a very strong symbol, a challenge, a reminder to me that I belonged elsewhere." Today, visitors and nuns sit on upright modern chairs round a table in a parlour.

According to the Benedictine year-book, Stanbrook Abbey has 50 nuns out of a total of 90 in England. (There are 467 Benedictine monks). The community, says Dame Felicitas, is in a very healthy state with two novices joining each year. Furthermore she believes that the Church, as in the 12th century, is in a period of great promise. "A terrific future is opening, coming from below". In a more personal way she takes pleasure in some of the restored ceremonial – the nuns once again bow to each other after an enforced lapse of 15 years – and the widespread determination to hang on to as

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much of the Latin liturgy as possible.

"We have vespers every day in Latin. Thank God. Oh, thank God. I can't bear English liturgy. I think I would have run away without it. When we had our lessons in Latin you could feel from the language who they came from. Bede was very like homespun, while Saint Augustine's Latin shimmers like silk in the African sun."

Although Dame Felicitas may shy away from the image of the abbey as a cloistered academe, she remains clear as to the importance of learning. "Certainly we'll be writing more. There are so many able people here. That's why we need outside help. It would be terrible if the intellectual life were to go. We mustn't degenerate into piety." She herself has just finished a biography of Helen Waddell, medieval scholar and author of *Peter Abelard*. Does she have another idea? "No", she smiles, "except death. And that's quite a big project, isn't it?".

The Nun, the Infidel and the Superman is published tomorrow by John Murray, price £12.50.

Sugar and spice and all things Jamaican

The Times Cook

Shona Crawford Poole

For everyone who is bananas about bananas *Traditional Jamaican Cookery* by Norma Benghiat, published this week by Penguin (£2.95) is essential kitchen reading. In it they will find recipes for banana biscuits, bread, chips, daiquiri, figs, fruit punch, ice-cream, jam, milk shake, nectar, punch, tart, wine, and baked bananas as well as for the fritters which follow.

A new pride in Jamaicanness since independence is reflected, says Norma Benghiat, in an increasing interest in traditional Jamaican food. Whereas the major dishes never went out of fashion, some items that were once hard to come by are now seen again in the shops and on tables.

Hers is not the food of the big house with cooks and books. It is the everyday and festival fare of villagers and townsfolk with few utensils and no pretensions. The names of the dishes like stamp and go, matrimony, escoveitch fish, curry goat, cornmeal pone, bammies, baked bald pates, run down, and akee and saltfish are not all self-explanatory. But it is straightforward stuff, simple and fresh, and through it we glimpse a different order of abundance and shortage. Just when the profligacy of throwing a dozen mangoes into a punch for eight is jogging memories of tropical luxuriance, comes a reminder that the Jamaican taste for salt fish is a relic of slavery.

There is a list of British stockists of West Indian produce at the back of the book.

The sweet potato, *Ipomoea batatas* botanically speaking, is the tuberous root of a trailing perennial. It is a native of the American tropics and in the United States is often called a yam which, technically speaking, it is not.

Like our own potatoes, called Irish potatoes in Jamaica, sweet potatoes can be boiled, baked, mashed or fried. Puréed sweet potatoes taste not unlike chestnuts. The following Jamaican recipe for candied sweet potatoes contains no added sugar. The edges of the potatoes caramelize of their own accord in the oven.

Candied sweet potatoes
Serves 4

- 900g (2lb) sweet potatoes
- 55g (2oz) butter
- ¼ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- Up to 150ml (¼ pint) water (see method)

Boil the sweet potatoes in their skins in some slightly salted water until tender, then drain them and remove the skins. Slice the potatoes and arrange them in layers in a buttered overproof dish, each layer dotted with butter and sprinkled with grated nutmeg. Repeat the layers until the dish is full. Add water to cover the base of the dish to a depth of about 7mm/¼ inch and bake in a pre-heated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for about 45 minutes or until the top is crisp.

Candied sweet potatoes are excellent with boiled bacon or with roast pork.

Many people have tasted okra or ladies' fingers only in highly spiced Indian dishes. In the Jamaican recipe for beef and okra, the seasonings are conventionally European which allows the subtle flavour of the vegetable to shine. I would choose shin of beef from the cuts Norma Benghiat suggests. It takes longer to cook than the others but its flavour is beefier.

Beef and okra
Serves 4 to 5

- 900g (2lb) shoulder steak, round of beef, sirloin or shin of beef
- Salt
- Black pepper
- 6 tablespoons oil
- 2 onions, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 sprig thyme
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 900ml (1 ½ pints) water
- 450g (1lb) okras, tops removed

Cut the meat across the grain into thin slices, no more than 5×7cm (2×3in), and season them with salt and pepper.

Brown the meat in the oil (or a mixture of oil and butter), then add the onions and garlic and stir until these take colour. Add the thyme and tomatoes, stir again, and add the water. Bring to the boil, then lower the heat, cover, and simmer until the meat is tender.

Add the okras, taste for salt, cover, and cook for a further 30 minutes. This dish is particularly good re-heated, as the meat absorbs the aroma of the seasonings, so it can be prepared a day in advance.

Banana fritters
Serves 4 to 5

- 6 very ripe bananas
- 2 eggs, beaten
- ½ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- About 55g (2oz) plain flour
- Oil for shallow frying
- Sugar to dredge

Peel the bananas and mash them to a smooth paste. Add the beaten eggs, nutmeg and just enough flour to make a thick mixture. Fry the mixture in moderately hot oil, dropping it in by the spoonful. When the fritters are brown on one side, turn them over. Drain them on absorbent paper, arrange on a large platter and sprinkle with sugar. Serve hot.

Jamaican gingerbread has travelled the world. Fresh ginger is used in this old recipe which makes the kind of dense gingerbread to butter for tea. It is equally good made with white or wholemeal flour, and white or brown sugar.

Gingerbread
Makes 1 cake

- 120ml (4fl oz) molasses
- 225ml (8oz) sugar
- 110g (4oz) butter
- 120ml (4fl oz) hot water
- 285g (10oz) flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 2 teaspoons greated fresh ginger
- 1 egg, beaten

Heat the molasses, sugar and butter gently in a pan. Pour in the hot water, mix well and set aside.

Sift together the flour, baking powder, salt and nutmeg, then add the grated ginger and the well-beaten egg. Combine the molasses liquid with the flour mixture, and pour the resulting batter into a shallow tin lined with greased paper. (Even non-stick tins should be lined). Bake in a pre-heated moderate oven (160°C/325°F, gas mark 3) for about 1 hour, or until a warm skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean.

The alarming sound of the future

FIRST PERSON

Nigel Andrew

I have heard the future, and it doesn't work. It goes *blip . . . blip . . .* very faintly. The sound of a quartz alarm clock at its last gasp. Of course it doesn't wake you up: I just happened to be lying there one morning when it started. For a while I couldn't work out what it was. Then I realized – and after that I got to thinking.

What, I asked myself, was I doing with a quartz alarm clock? Why, come to that, should anyone have one? In my case, the cheap old clockwork alarm having been dropped once too often, I presented myself at my local jeweller's for a replacement. There my eye was caught by an efficient-looking unit priced even cheaper and driven by this new-fangled quartz stuff. I thought I would give it a try – after all, is it not a fact that nothing can go wrong with a quartz mechanism?

No, I was soon to discover, it is not. This sort of technology either works or doesn't, and in the latter case there is really nothing to be done. Sure enough my trusty chronometer had within days developed a habit of stopping – and, even more alarming, the second hand showed a perverse desire to travel *backwards*. It was when I took it in to the jeweller's that I began to realize what I was up against, for rather than taking the back off and engaging in delicate fine-tuning, this master-craftsman simply prised off the glass (well, plastic) and pulled the hands about a bit.

For a while, this seemed to have done the trick. But then the little marvel decided to stop even trying to wake anybody up – not that it had ever exactly strained itself in that department. And soon after that the hands – still nursing a grievance after their rough handling – started withdrawing their labour every morning at 3.50 sharp. When, finally, I woke and heard that subliminal, other-worldly *blip . . . blip . . .* I knew I was beaten.

It was at about the same time that my first adventure in the world of the digital watch was coming to an end. I must admit that the £1.99 price tag had had everything to do with my buying one of these, but for a while I felt almost fond of this strange dialless thing on my wrist. And, for the most part, it worked, apart from an irritating habit of reverting to 1:00 if you nudged the wrong button, and a tendency to fade away on a cold night.

So there I was, back in the jeweller's and determined to revert to the ancient verities of clockwork. But in the short interval since I had been there last, the wily crystal had completed its takeover.

I finally ran a clockwork alarm to ground – in a hardware shop, again dirt cheap, but built with reassuring low-tech solidity. It is the sort of alarm clock you see in cartoons, jumping about on the bedside table. It doesn't so much wake you up as pull you out of bed and give you a cold shower. It is everything an alarm clock should be. And the watch is everything a watch should be – no gimmicks, no *blips*, you wind it up and it goes.

Now these two exemplary timepieces have one thing in common – apart from rarity value. They were both manufactured behind the Iron Curtain, in countries where things are so bad they actually *want* sterling – hence the suspiciously low prices. The Soviet bloc apparently leads the world in this particular obsolete technology and one cannot but wonder why.

I once heard an alarming theory that Soviet weapons technology is the way it is because they know that at the first whiff of nuclear grapeshot, everything more advanced than a radio valve will instantly be rendered useless. Could it also be that they want to be the only people on earth (apart from a few horological diehards like myself) who know what the time is?

Or is it just that the Soviet-type alarm clock is the best answer to rousing the vodka-soaked worker from his bed and getting him to the tractor factory on time? You certainly couldn't rely on quartz to do that.


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Conservative Central Office has been urging the IBA to order the rescheduling of a Granada documentary next Tuesday. Called *The Selling of the President*, it examines "the marketing of Maggie", using clips to show how Mrs T has softened her hairstyle, lowered her voice and adopted a generally less intimidating image. To the Tories' acute embarrassment, it precedes a Conservative party political broadcast at 10pm. The programme also relates how Labour employed filmmaker David Wickes in 1974 to spruce up Harold Wilson's image as "a sly garden gnome with a Yorkshire accent" by buying him six new suits, identical shirts and ties and playing *I'm Just Wild About Harry* at his public meetings. The IBA, however, will not be whipping boys and have refused the request. More *ammunition for Peter Kellner* (see last two columns) if he needs it.

Home discomfort

Sir George Young, environment minister, seems to have got an attack of the jitters at the prospect of meeting some real homeless people tomorrow. Martin Coleman, Labour leader of Brent Council in London, intended to bring two or three from the borough along with him to see Sir George in his Marsham Street office, at a meeting arranged last month. Yesterday, Coleman says, Sir George's office rang saying the minister felt the presence of homeless people "would be a distraction." Coleman says if they are not allowed in, the meeting is off. The DoE said yesterday that Sir George would see the homeless when next in Brent.

BARRY FANTONI



'We might be forced into uniform, Hopkins, but remember mine's the rice bowl with the willow pattern'

Maggie out?

Ministers close to Mrs Thatcher have discreetly let it slip to me that she intends to resign one year after winning the next election. Assuming this government runs its full course she would depart in 1989, by which time she would be 63, Denis 73, and she would have completed *10 full years* in Downing Street. But why let the cat out of the bag? To dampen growing backbench Tory hostility towards her? Or to preempt any plan *she might have to continue longer in* her post?

Going nap

Strange goings-on in the Commons in the small hours yesterday. At 4.50 am Tory MP John Heddle swept into the annexe of the public bill office and fell over Liberal Archie Kirkwood, sleeping the night on the cold stone floor. Why? Because at 10am on Tuesdays the office accepts a single 10-minute bill for discussion three weeks later, and Kirkwood was determined that on May 15 – Liberal Youth Day – it should be a Liberal bill to help the disabled young. Kirkwood had a disturbed night: Heddle was followed by his secretary, to take dictation. For Heddle, who particularly wanted his own bill heard on May 15, it was also a frustrating night. "I was dazumped by an insomniac."

News flash

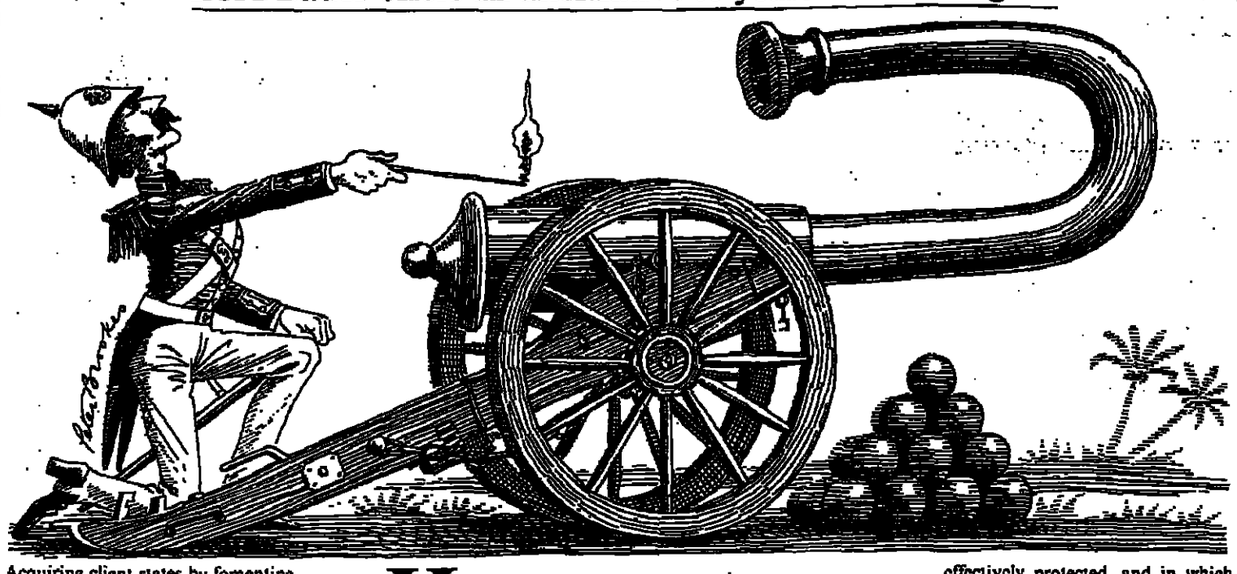
Could David Dimbleby be the BBC's answer to Sir Alastair Burnet? Dimbleby, whose series on America, *The Great Divide*, was held up last week because of cash cuts, was promptly lunched by BBC 1 controller Michael Grade and the head of news, Ron Neil, who has made no secret of his determination to "do something" about the lacklustre 9 O'Clock News. Dimbleby is now being tipped as the ideal anchor to revamp it

M'Bowing in

All-party anti-government coalitions are suddenly the fashion. No sooner is the Employment Institute prematurely rumbled than I hear of an inaugural meeting in the Lords tonight of a group determined to keep Britain in Unesco. The United Nations Association and its chairman, ex-Labour minister Lord Ennals, are the *eminences grises*. Peers and MPs of all persuasions except the Tory right have been enlisted and approaches made to artists, scientists and academics. They include Yehudi Menuhin, Sir Hugh Casson, Sir Stephen Spender, Professor Joseph Needham and Lady Juliette Huxley, widow of Sir Julian, Unesco's first director-general. Four former prime ministers – Lords Stockton, and Wilson, Callaghan and Heath – are also believed to support the group's aim, which is to persuade the Government to seek to reform the politicized, maladministered organization from within rather than destroy it by leaving.

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Lord Bauer offers an alternative to years of lies and guilt



How western self-hate helps Moscow

Acquiring client states by fomenting discord is a commonplace of history. Read Thucydides.

We need to ask, why is the climate so hospitable to Soviet efforts in the Third World? People there are certainly not hostile to the West and its products. They are eager for western watches, transistors, drugs and bicycles. Nor is it poverty which makes communist propaganda attractive. It is the relatively prosperous, urbanized and articulate groups with western contacts who most readily embrace and articulate the communist creed – politicians, teachers, media and professional people, and the politicized military.

These groups, which dominate the inarticulate rural majority in the politics of the Third World, *especially in Africa and much of* Asia, have only the haziest ideas about Marxism-Leninism, but they realize that it is both a system of ideas and a convenient political *programme and welcome a system* which promises them even closer and lasting power over their subjects.

It was the West, especially Britain, which conferred power and prestige on the new elite by undermining traditional local institutions and leaders, a deliberate but unnecessary rejection of the earlier policy of transferring power to accepted but reformed local leadership.

The culmination of this process was the destruction of the Kabaka of Uganda and his followers in 1966, on the eve of what promised to be one of the few genuinely democratic elections in Africa, and one which the party led by the Kabaka was almost certain to win. The tanks and other hardware with which Dr Obote destroyed this leader were provided not by the Soviets but by the British.

For many decades a flow of misinformation emanating from the West has reached the Third World, both about the merits of the Soviet system and alleged western misconduct. A recital even of a few examples suggests that it is hardly necessary for the Soviets to turn the Third World against the West. We do it for them.

The educated Third World reader learns, for example, that the last *major work by the* Webbs, who founded the London School of Economics and are entombed in Westminster Abbey, is entitled *Soviet Communism: A New Civilisation; written, incidentally, at the* height of the Stalinist terror. The student of Harold Laski, acclaimed on both sides of the Atlantic, reads that Vyshinsky was "doing what an ideal minister of justice would do if we had such a person in Great Britain". That too was written in the mid 1930s.

Mr Kingman Brewster, Professor of Law at Harvard, President of Yale, American ambassador to Britain, and now master-designate of the oldest Oxford college, proclaims that he is appalled and ashamed that nowhere in the United States could black revolutionaries expect a fair trial. And it was not a Soviet spokesman but C. P. Snow, guru of British and American intellectuals, who wrote that "in overall strategy the socialist economy has been a major success. That is, it has produced national wealth, not only in the Soviet Union, but in other socialist countries, very fast; almost certainly much faster than it could have done under capitalism".

More effective has been the persistent denigration in the West of the West's conduct towards the Third World. It was not a Soviet propagandist but Old Etonian Cyril Connolly who wrote in *The Sunday Times* under the heading Black Man's Burden: "*It is a wonder that* the white man is not more thoroughly detested than he is . . . in our dealings with every single country, greed masked by hypocrisy, *led to unscrupulous coercion of the* native inhabitants . . cruelty, greed and arrogance, characterized what can be summed up in one word, exploitation . . .".

According to a leaflet distributed at Cambridge University a few years ago by a Third World pressure group, "We took the rubber from Malaya, the tea from India, raw materials from all over the world, and gave almost nothing in return". In reality, the British took the rubber and tea to those countries, not from them, as the plants were taken there by the British in the 19th century.

Even when more restrained language is used, criticism of the West is often in the realm of fantasy. Shirdath Ramphal, Secretary General *of the Commonwealth*, charged the West in an address to the Trilateral Commission in March 1980 with responsibility for the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. The reason was that more aid would have helped Afghanistan "to stand on its feet economically, to grow as a nation with economic, social and political institutions stabilized against the erosions of poverty and so against pressure from without".

Afghanistan is one of the most backward countries of the world. To suggest that yet more aid from the West would have enabled it effectively to resist invasion is fantasy. As it was, Afghanistan resisted Soviet forces for much longer than the much more advanced Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

It is not in *Pravda* or *Izvestia* but in *The Guardian* that we read: "A quarter of the world's population lives, quite literally, by killing the other three-quarters." We read also of "social cannibalism which has reduced over three-quarters of *mankind* to beggary, poverty and death, not because they don't work, but because their wealth goes to feed, clothe and shelter a few idle classes in America, Europe and Japan . . . Money-mongers in London and New York and in other western seats of barons living on profit snatched from the peasants and workers of the world".

In the same vein, a prominent American clergyman, Professor Ronald Sider, writes: "It would be wrong to suggest that 210 million Americans bear sole responsibility for all the hunger and injustice in today's world. *All the rich developed* countries are directly involved . . . we are participants in a system that dooms even more people to agony and death than the slave system."

Such fantasies are readily taken up by Third World politicians supported by the West, and are often advanced in publications or platforms provided by it. Kwame Nkrumah was, until his downfall, a very influential African leader, widely praised in the West who initiated the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Here are some of his characteristic utterances: "They (the colonialists) took our lands, our lives, our resources and our dignity . . . It was when they had gone and we were faced with the stark realities, as in Ghana on the morrow of our independence, that the destitution of the land after long years of colonial rule was brought sharply home to us."

In fact, before the British there was not a single cocoa tree in Gold Coast Ghana, nor a network of roads and rail. When they left there was a huge cocoa acreage, all of it in African hands, as well as an effective system of transport.

The West further undermines its own position by exaggerating the importance of Third World countries of no strategic significance and with no economic or military power beyond that conferred on them by the West itself: witness countries such as Ghana and Tanzania.

While the West must resist Soviet attempts to seize real strategic vantage points we should, nevertheless, consider what can be done to make conditions less tempting and propitious for such moves.

We should systematically assist those Third World governments that promote a society to which the Soviet system has little appeal. This means, broadly, a society in which personal and legitimate property is *effectively protected, and in which* individual economic initiative is given scope, including freedom to develop commercial contacts abroad.

We should also try to expose and refute promptly instances of falsehoods such as those mentioned. This would involve close scrutiny of the largely western-financed international organizations which serve as platforms for virulent abuse of the West.

But much the most important task is, alas, also much the most difficult. We should ask why, in recent decades, we have succumbed to totally unfounded feelings of guilt, accepted the most outrageous, evident and damaging falsehoods, and deferred to rulers who treat their *people with contempt, brutality* and even inhumanity, and who have no real power except that conferred on them by the West.

How have our faculties of simple *observation, reflection and rational* thought come to erode, even evaporate, amidst awe-inspiring advances in knowledge? It is as if some invisible monster had ravaged our self-confidence and our abilities.

These features of our culture have often been noted. Many diverse explanations – inevitably conjectural – have been offered, such as the unhinging effects of rapid change and the multiplicity of information and opinion that impinges upon, even envelopes, people; uncritical preference for remote information over direct experience; the growth of specialization; the loss of traditional religious belief and the rapid erosion of traditional values; the denial of personal responsibility under the impact of determinism; guilt born of affluence, coupled with disappointment that the unprecedented prosperity of recent decades has failed to yield satisfaction and happiness; and others as well.

Whatever the reasons, there is now an evident lack of poise and reflectiveness in the West which greatly affects the stance of its leaders and opinion-makers, both towards the Third World and the Soviet Union. We ought to think hard about the forces behind this since a society, however technically proficient, whose leaders are lacking in intellectual clarity and moral courage is not well placed to resist internal and external threats.

The changes suggested here may *make a modest contribution* to improvement in this complex realm. What can be expected, however, is that if the West regains clarity and self-confidence, it would improve relations with the Soviet Union.

Present and future Soviet leaders will know where they stand, and will be less tempted into adventures. And the West's new confidence may well affect the conduct of the Soviets towards the peoples under their control. Here lies the best hope of genuine East-West improvement.

This article is expanded from a speech in last night's Lords debate on Soviet subversion.

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Peter Kellner

Frank screens, not blank

Something terrible may happen soon. The Conservatives seem bent on abolishing the party political broadcast. I must admit that I cannot prove this grave accusation and acknowledge that, even if I could, I might be in a minority in regretting the change.

The basis for my charge is that this is the only rational explanation for the way the Tories now use their broadcasts. They decline to use all the time allotted to them. They deceive their viewers and lie about their opponents. Hardly ever do they provide a coherent account of Tory policies.

The Tories are not so short of policies that they have nothing to tell us about what the Government is doing. Many of us would be eager to hear ministers explain why *prescription* charges have risen tenfold in six years, or why the Conservatives want to abandon earnings-related state pensions, or why teachers should not be paid *properly*.

Two explanations fit what is happening. One is that Conservative Central Office is so ashamed of what the Government has done so far, and has so little faith in what it will do next, that its PPBs (as party political broadcasts are known in the trade) are used solely to divert attention. The other explanation is that the Tories are trying to subvert the very notion of PPBs by abusing the party's free air time and so rousing a normally placid electorate into demanding their end.

I take a charitable view. I suspect *that the staff of Central Office really* do believe that the Conservative Party under Mrs Thatcher is transforming British society for the better. If they do believe that, then *the absence in PPBs of any* description of, or enthusiasm for, the Prime Minister's strategy is all the more remarkable. Only one hypothesis is consistent with the facts: the Tories want to kill PPBs.

If that seems a bold claim, consider the evidence. In February 1974 a Conservative election broadcast suggested that if Labour were returned to power, owner occupiers would find their homes taken over by the state. This ludicrous claim was reinforced with an image of a sea of red paint engulfing whole rows of houses.

I blame Mrs Thatcher for many things, but not for that. She had not yet become party leader and was too busy defending her reputation as Education Secretary against the charge that she had deprived children of their free school milk. So there is nothing new in the Tories using PPBs to malign their opponents. It is a thread (perhaps the only one?) linking the Heath and Thatcher years.

However, since Mrs Thatcher became party leader, the standards of Conservative PPBs have deteriorated markedly. The process was already evident by 1979, when Saatchi and Saatchi dreamed up the idea of assembling a long line of actors under the slogan "Labour isn't working".

That year's Conservative PPBs concluded, with the injunction: "Don't just hope for a better future; vote for one." It was just as well for Tim Bell, the mind behind that campaign, that the Trade Descriptions Act has never applied to political broadcasts.

The success of Saatchi and Saatchi's broadcasts in achieving their goal may be measured by results. Three years into Mrs Thatcher's first term in office, Channel 4 was launched – *without any party political broadcasts*. This breakthrough provided the Tories with those two pieces of artillery they invariably need: a precedent, and a thin end of the wedge.

With the current county council election campaign, a Conservative broadcast opened with the words, "tonight we want to nail a lie". John Gummer, speaking with all the authority of the Prime Minister's poodle, then said: "If any Labour authority tells you it has to slash services then this is a lie."

Which Labour councils, one might wonder, do the Tories have in mind? Their PPB gave an example. "In Labour Derbyshire this is what they're threatening to cut", said the commentary; on the screen appeared the following list: three old people's homes, five children's homes and 1,000 teachers.

What Derbyshire council has actually said, in its own newspaper to ratepayers, is that cuts such as these would have to be made if the county were to abide by the Government's spending targets. However, the paper quoted the council's deputy leader as saying that it "would not consider such drastic cuts".

Elsewhere the Tory broadcast asserted that "for every million pounds Conservative Lincolnshire spends on maintaining roads, it spends £155,000 on administration. *But in Labour Nottinghamshire*, the figure is £298,000 – virtually twice as much because Labour prefers administration to action".

Once again the Tories lied. The "administration" figures they quote cover not just road maintenance but public transport and concessionary fares. Nottinghamshire provides generously for both; Lincolnshire does not. It is that fact, and nothing to do with overblown bureaucracies, which explains the difference.

And so the broadcast trundled on, blaming high rate rises in Newcastle for staffing cuts at the local John Lewis store – without explaining that since 1979 Newcastle's expenditure has risen by a lower rate than central government's; it is the withdrawal of rate support grant that has caused Newcastle's large rate rises.

I have three suggestions to make. First, PPBs, far from being scrapped as dishonest propaganda, should be protected as opportunities for parties to speak directly to electors. Second, to provide some protection against abuse, their content should be monitored by the Advertising Standards Authority.

Finally, voters who have the chance should respond to the latest Tory slogan, "On May 2 nail the Labour lie – vote Conservative", by taking the appropriate action: nailing the Tory lies and voting Labour.

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***moreover* . . . Miles Kington**

74 per cent say So?

Everyday statistics: a new list issued by the Moreover Bureau of Information.

Whenever someone tells the old joke about the Irish not having such an urgent word as *mañana*, 100 per cent of those present pretend they haven't heard it before.

When you hear the announcement in a theatre "The Curtain Will Rise in One Minute", the average lapse to the beginning of the play is six minutes.

16 per cent of theatres which announce that the curtain will rise in one minute do not, in fact, have curtains.

Only 2 per cent of actors and actresses have ever mentioned a birth date in a theatre programme, and they have all lied.

There is no white wine in the world which has not been described at some time as either crisp *or* fruity.

Of all the many thousands of people who have sent back a bottle of wine in a restaurant, only 1 per cent have done it a second time.

When you ring up a recorded time service, the man is always saying ". . .and ten seconds." The next ten seconds are the longest ten seconds *known to scientists.*

Nobody has ever kept a seed packet long enough to send it back to the makers with the complaint that the picture on the front was very different from what actually grew.

It is always said that the profit margin on food in pubs is greater than that on drink sold over the bar. *Conversely it is always said that* restaurants make their money out of the wine, not out of the food. Nobody has ever explained this.

The last match in a match box is always one already used.

When someone asks for another half cup of tea, they are always given a full one.

A prawn cocktail is more than 90 per cent lettuce.

The higher quality a glossy magazine, the fewer page numbers are marked in it.

Of all those advised that an article is continued on page 2, col 6, only 18 per cent bother to read on.

The British press can deal with only one left-wing bogeyman at a time. That is why during the miners' strike, when Arthur Scargill was the enemy, Tony Benn and Ken Livingstone became nice guys.

When entering a strange pub, 76 per cent of us try to push open a door which was locked 10 years previously.

Pubs have always ceased serving food 10 minutes before you walk in. But there are three Scotch eggs left over.

There are only three things in the world which are Scotch. Eggs, whisky and mist.

The average American recipe in the average American cookbook has four too many ingredients.

Nobody has ever seen their own chin.

The average ice tray in the average fridge has 14 spaces for ice. On average, 11 of these are always empty. The average fridge also contains the following: one box of unidentifiable stew, a sausage in a saucer, a bottle of sour milk, a soft cucumber, three rashers of bacon stuck together and a half bottle of wine you can't remember opening.

If you provide snacks for a party, there is always more cheese left at the end than anything else.

There are only three common fruits which have not had computers named after them.

The horse racing world is expected to run out of all possible names for horses by the year 1989.

When copies of keys for your house are made, 22 per cent of them do not open the door for which they are intended.

16 per cent of people who use lavatories on railway trains forget to lock the door after them. Of these 16 *per cent, two-thirds* are subsequently joined by another person, always a stranger of the opposite sex.

Of all people who go into a filling station just to buy petrol, 27 per cent end up buying something else as well.

86 per cent of all people looking up a word in a dictionary get side-tracked on to another word first – in fact, 15 per cent never get round to the original word at all.

63 per cent of dogs answer to the name Rover, or indeed any other *name*.

When you move house, bills always come to the new address but cheques go to the old one.

If all the people in the world were put on the Isle of Wight, Cowes Yacht Club would be reduced to dust.

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Philip Webster on why Labour reselection so far has been relatively bloodless

The massacre that misfired



Home and dry: Bell and Boothroyd. Still battling: Freeson

Labour's reselection minefield has still to produce a victim. Peace has not yet broken out in the party but more than a quarter of its sitting MPs, many of them senior figures on the centre and right, have been chosen by the activists in their constituencies to fight the next election.

Things may quickly change. Today the national executive committee will again discuss the case of Reg Freeson, the former housing minister, but it seems that only the law can now prevent him from being succeeded next Sunday by Ken Livingstone as the official Labour candidate for Brent East, and so becoming the first casualty. The most contentious selections are still to come; some potential targets have quietly left the battlefield and are standing down. It is early days.

That said, the absence of blood on the reselection road so far is delighting Labour's leaders. Most constituency parties seem to be showing a new mood of hard-headed realism: their determination to pull together in a centre-left coalition behind Neil Kinnock is leaving the old "hard left" increasingly isolated.

The realignment of the left, in which the Bennites are being deserted by their former allies, has strengthened Kinnock's position to such an extent that he knows he can win the day on the national executive and any of its committees whenever he wants. Michael Meacher, David Blunkett and Tom Sawyer, whose votes were once firmly in the far left camp, now go with Kinnock most of the time. It has been a long time since Tony Benn won a vote on the body which was once his power base.

Meacher's comment – during a recent NEC meeting which rejected any British withdrawal from Nato – that everything must be subordi*nated to a Labour victory* at the next election amply told the story of what is happening. In many constituency parties where the left was raring for a fight, it has been unable to muster support or decided not to cause trouble.

The Militant Tendency is in difficulties. It hoped to win the Gateshead East nomination after the retirement of Bernard Conlan but was crushingly defeated by Joyce Quinn, a moderate. At Brighton Kemptown, Rod Fitch, a Militant supporter who fought the seat at the last election, failed to get the nomination. Militant has failed to make headway in Scotland and may now be thwarted in Glasgow, Provan, one of its main targets.

All over the country MPs, left, right and centre, are being reselected unopposed. They include six members of the shadow cabinet: Roy Hattersley, Peter Archer, Stan Orme, Gwyneth Dunwoody, Barry Jones and Meacher.

Betty Boothroyd, a fierce adversary of the Bennites on the NEC, has regularly appeared on hard left hitlists. The left put up a candidate to oppose her in the West Bromwich West selection procedure but did not have the votes to prevent her supporters adopting a "shortlist-of-one" under which Miss Boothroyd's name was the only one to go before the selection conference.

Last weekend another leading figure on the centre-right, Stuart Bell, secretary of the centre-right Solidarity campaign, triumphed at Middlesborough after his supporters used a similar tactic.

In Durham North West, where the sitting MP, Ernest Armstrong, is standing down, his daughter Hilary last week saw off a left-wing challenge. The left also failed in Darlington.

Of the 20 Labour MPs who are not standing at the next election some would undoubtedly have faced challenges, and some might have been ousted. But others such as the respected Jim Craigen, who is retiring from Glasgow Maryhill, would have been readopted. Mark Hughes, who is standing down in Durham, has been replaced by his agent, Gerald Steinberg, who like Hughes is on the centre.

Another straw in the wind was seen last week when Alf Dubs, the able and hard-working MP for Battersea, was reselected without a contest. There was anger among black activists in 1983 after Dubs defeated Russell Profitt, who had hoped to become Britain's first black MP for many years, for the nomination. A black challenge was expected this time, but it did not happen.

Gerald Kaufman, the shadow home secretary, who has been under threat, now appears likely to have an *easy run after the decision by John* Nicholson, the far left deputy leader of Manchester City Council, to pull out of the contest. Nicholson withdrew in favour of Ken Strath, also on the council, who is regarded as the left's "sacrificial lamb" in a contest it knows it cannot win.

At Birkenhead Frank Field is waiting to see if the left will put up a candidate after his threat to force a by-election if he loses on June 23. The threat seems to be having a salutary effect. It would not be surprising if the left decides to put up only a token fight.

Although the moderates remain unmassacred there is no complacency in the Labour leadership. Today could see the start of an unwelcome legal battle over Brent East. Michael Cocks, Labour's chief whip, is engaged in a bitter struggle to keep the nomination at Bristol South. After complaints by Cocks to the national executive, the constituency party meeting which will fix the reselection timetable will not now be held until after the local elections next month.

Impartial observers of the contest between Peter Shore and the left in Bethnal Green and Stepney say that Shore's chances have marginally improved, but are still no better *than even.*

John Evans and Gerry Bermingham, in the two St Helens constituencies, Robert Kilroy-Silk (Knowsley North), John Forrester (Stoke-on-Trent North), Michael McGuire (Makerfield) and John Silkin (Deptford) all face serious threats.

But, with 54 of Labour's 209 MPs already reselected, Labour's leaders hope the tranquillity will be maintained, putting the party on the way to a lasting recovery.

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CITY OF THE GNOME

The idea that the City of London is undergoing a revolution probably arose from the coincidence of the Government's agreement with the Stock Exchange to end fixed stockbroking commissions, the effects of which are still gathering pace prior to the start of a whole series of reforms in what has been called "the big bang" in the autumn of 1986, and the official report by Professor Lawrence Gower into new forms of investor protection in the financial services sector that spawned the White Paper to be debated by the House of Commons today.

Legislation will come in the next session. For once, revolution is not too strong a term. The reform of the Stock Exchange and the new framework of regulation are both institutional responses to more fundamental market forces.

One force has been the manifold expansion of international capital flows. They originated from the concentration of surplus oil proceeds in the gulf states in the seventies, and caused the rise of international banking and investment, and greater instability of currencies and trade flows. The combination of mobile capital and fast-moving instability has brought demands for new markets, for instance to hedge against (or speculate in) currency or commodity price movements and the need for rapid dealing at all times of the day and night in whatever financial centre happens to be open. It has also helped to break down national financial restrictions, instanced by the abolition of British exchange controls in 1979.

Rapid advances in electronic communication have both permitted and encouraged this trend, allowing instant transmission of prices between markets and customers, and between financial centres on opposite sides of the world. We inhabit a global market on which the sun never sets. Nor are changes confined to those who deal in millions. One building society and a retail bank offer ordinary customers facilities to transfer money and pay regular bills by pressing buttons in their own home through the Prestel system.

The effect of these changes is to heighten competition dramatically, whether in the high street or between financial services. Only legal or monopolistic restrictions stop the big investor or buyer of insurance and other financial services from shopping in the cheapest market. As technology spreads, this will to some extent also be true in the high street as stores and building societies expand into broking, investment and credit.

They also increase the need for capital, whether to operate international bond markets or provide new money services at the street corner. And that too is pressing profound changes on financial markets, pressures that often undermine the old virtues of specialists, running their own businesses who can be informally trusted to keep their word and do their best for their clients.

The City of London could not afford to opt out of this expansion and sophistication, or the changes needed to meet the challenge, if it is to retain its long-standing position as one of the world's greatest and most innovative financial centres. If it failed to compete, the business would simply go elsewhere, despite London's convenient position in the international time zones. The gnomes, now mainly operating from London, might return to central Europe.

Britain's banks and financial markets, it can be argued, are already too concerned with churning money instead of serving industry. It is certainly true that in Germany and Japan, the most successful post-war industrial economies, tight restrictions on financial services have left money markets relatively puny. History, however, cannot be reversed. The City of London has been overmighty for centuries, because of Britain's need for sophisticated finance for shipborne international trade and imperial development. Today, the financial services industries are an important national asset in their own right, accounting for nearly a million jobs and contributing more than £4 billion to the balance of payments.

In London, changes at the Stock Exchange are the most dramatic and the hardest to regulate. The intended breakdown of fixed broking commissions leads logically to removing most of the distinctions between agents and marketmakers who deal on their own account. And in a whirl of change that has surprised the most farsighted, ushered in proposed changes to membership rules (to be voted by members in June) which would in effect replace most of the old partnerships and open the exchange to British and foreign retail banks and London merchant banks as well as diversified money trading groups. That will eliminate the distinction between different businesses, turning high street leaders such as Barclays Bank into true financial supermarkets. It will also create great problems of ensuring fair dealing for customers caught up as victims of too rapid an expansion by the inexperienced with attendant dangers of damaging failures and blows to confidence.

The Bank of England has an important role to play in ensuring proper financial caution to sustain confidence, although the rescue of Johnson Matthey Bankers gave the false impression that the Bank could play an inappropriate role of standing behind all the participants in the market. There will undoubtedly be failures and misalliances and market participants need to be educated to keep their own house in order as the Stock Exchange and building societies have traditionally done.

The White Paper expounds a general framework of investor protection to cover anything from financial futures to selling life assurance. The general principle that control should be exercised by self-regulating trade bodies, which report to an upper tier commission exercising control through the power to license practitioners (and the self-regulating bodies), offers the maximum of flexibility with the minimum of buraucracy. This looks a good way to regulate financial markets, which have a strong interest in their own reputation, but inspires less confidence in the areas of selling life assurance and the like to the public which illogically are to be governed by a second commission.

No one can know exactly how this revolution will develop. That is the virtue of the new freedoms, but also their challenge.

ABUSE OF PRIVILEGE

The Government's long anticipated report on the abuse of diplomatic privilege has emerged at last, one year after the Libyan crisis which inspired it and 24 hours after a series of expulsions from the Soviet embassy in London – which has underlined its relevance. Its timing is thus impeccable.

So too by and large, is what Americans like to call its thrust, imported terrorism and the charges and counter-charges over spying have led people to view the average mission in this country as a kind of Trojan horse. This cannot be good for diplomats, at least part of whose responsibility is to show the most acceptable face of their homeland to the world.

Nor, in sometimes failing to achieve that aim, can most of them blame anyone but themselves. The gross misuse of embassies like that which characterized the events in St James's Square a year ago, may be comparatively rare. But the flagrant abuse of diplomatic immunity by those who fail to pay their parking fines or hide beneath its cloak to avoid prosecution for more serious offences, has reached a level at which action is called for to stop it. The best run embassies already pay scrupulous attention to the laws of the country in which they serve and instruct their staff likewise. They too must welcome this report.

It is far from ideal. While the action to be taken over unpaid parking fines is explicit enough, there are several other areas in which it is decidedly fuzzy. But as the report points out and as most must surely recognize, there are genuine difficulties over unscrambling the provisions of the Vienna Convention which protects the rights of diplomats living abroad. In countries with scant regard for human rights it is important that our envoys go about their business unimpeded by the zealous application of a malleable law. Even in some of the more cautious paragraphs in the Government report one can see the possibilities for some country which is anxious to make trouble.

There are those who will argue that the conclusions do not go far enough and that too many conditional clauses have to be satisfied before diplomatic bags are opened or premises searched. But even if more comprehensive security procedures were adopted, they would have to be very vigorously applied to ensure full compliance with the law – and even then. . . . One suspects that the most determined and least scrupulous transgressor would get by. All that one can hope for is that the threat of firm action in appropriate circumstances will act as a deterrent.

We have learnt from the Libyan episode. We cannot control what happens in other countries but we have a right to do so in our own – at least in so far as the freedoms and well-being of other individuals are threatened. We must wait – but not too long – for the diplomatic world to respond to this latest list of measures – and then act decisively by toughening them where we can.

KEEPING OFF THE GRASS

How to stop a football crowd invading the pitch? The simple answer is to play like Stoke, or even worse like Halifax, a club on whose terraces spectators are now as exceptional as the hairs on Bobby Charlton's head. A wilfully successful club has obligations, to players and the mass of paying spectators: Chelsea's chairman has now shouldered them in a dramatic way. An imaginative entrepreneur, Mr Ken Bates proposes to top the barbed wire and eleven feet of fine mesh already surrounding the pitch with a strand or two of electrified fence. Pitch invaders are to receive a cattle-prod shock of 12 volts, a dose deplored both by the Greater London Council, a local authority determined to prove the government right in its assertion that it has no significant functions, and by the hapless Mr Macfarlane, the minister for sport, an appointment whose functional significance is just as questionable.

Mr Bates is – we hope – in the business of entertainment. The more paragraphs he earns for Chelsea the better member he makes of that odd band of philanthropists and eccentrics who make up Britain's soccer club chairmen. Denizens of The Shed with knowledge of rural parts will be quick to point out that even sheep can find ways over and round electric fences. Charged with enough voltage to deter, Chelesea's proposed fence is a drastic measure, with implications for the general safety of the ground; but "dehumanizing" as Labour's spokesman has called it, certainly not. Mr Bates is making a practical experiment to combat a practical problem within what is essentially the private area of Stamford Bridge. He and his club answer to the fans within a competitive market. An open minded government and local authority ought to welcome any evidence about crowd control to be gleaned from Chelsea.

For soccer hooliganism is not a single "problem" – it is explained by no sloppy generalization about the social and psychological effects of unemployment nor does it demand some flashy government task force. What happens on the enclosed terraces of old-fashioned football grounds is not the same thing at all as a near riot on the public streets of Luton or repeated vandalism on British Rail trains. That the fans of a club such as Liverpool or Everton have such a good reputation compared with those claiming allegiance to Chelsea or Millwall suggests a local, microscopic explanation rather than some flatulent, national "solution".

In the array of issues confronting British government in 1985 soccer violence should not bulk large. A more relaxed administration might indeed – without in any way condoning gross offence against public order outside sports grounds – see some function in the rituals and crowd activity of the big urban soccer clubs. For government to take unto itself the capacity to prevent sporadic local outbursts smacks of the nanny state at its most cloying – and Mr Macfarlane has allowed himself to become its nagging voice. Mr Bates's effort to contain fans at Chelsea may not work, but it is an experiment worth trying, not least to emphasize the point that the responsibility for what happens inside soccer grounds rests inescapably on club managements.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Fraudulent' prospectus for new jobs

From Mr Tony Baldry, MP for Banbury (Conservative)

Sir, Although the number of people actually in work increased last year by some 340,000, the new jobs created by the economic recovery have been able to do little more than absorb many of the extra people who, for reasons of demography, are coming on to the job market. Total unemployment in Britain thus continues to rise.

It must therefore be right to ensure that we diligently examine and research every possible policy option that might help reduce unemployment. To this end, the launch of any new group intent on researching ways to reduce unemployment is to be welcomed.

However, it is clear that the Employment Institute, launched today, is not intended as a research institute but it is intended to be a campaigning organization. A campaigning organization whose manifesto was also published today; a campaign whose policies are already decided and whose apparent purpose now is to seek to gain public support for those policies.

The supporters of the Employment Institute in their manifesto argue that the rise in unemployment since the late 1970s "... must mainly reflect low demand" and give various reasons for such lowering of demand. Astonishingly, these reasons do not anywhere include an acknowledgement of the fact that, for lack of customers buying British goods and services, in the last 20 years the United Kingdom has seen its share of world trade halved.

The institute argues for certain policies to be taken but, again astonishingly, offers not one suggestion as to how Britain might become more competitive, could win more customers and thus gain a greater share of world trade.

It seems that the overall impression that the institute wishes to give is that the way to improve "demand" and thus tackle unemployment is not by British business winning more customers but simply by the British Government spending more money.

The institute seeks to give the impression that the Government alone could, if it were minded so to do, determine the level of unemployment. Taken alone, this is a fraudulent prospectus.

Of course we have to use both blades of the scissors to cut unemployment; of course there is a role for Government to take new initiatives, such as the expansion of YTS, the expansion of the Community Programme and the cuts in National Insurance contributions announced in the Budget; but to suggest that a simple return to Keynesian economic management will solve unemployment is as misleading as any suggestion that it should all be left to the marketplace.

Unemployment is a challenge to us all, not just Government.

Yours faithfully,
TONY BALDRY,
House of Commons.
April 22.

Royal disclosure

From the Editor of the Daily Mirror

Sir, The letter from Lord Onslow and other peers criticizing the *Daily Mirror* in connection with Princess Michael (April 20) was dated April 18. This was the day before you published the letter from our Publisher, Robert Maxwell, explaining why the *Daily Mirror* had published the facts as then known about Princess Michael's father and his membership of the SS.

If the signatories of the letter from Lord Onslow and others had waited the *Daily Mirror's* explanation, it is to be hoped that they would have refrained from their strictures. In fairness, it is always helpful to hear both sides before forming a judgement.

Since, however, they did not wait, may I emphasize the two major points. First, the *Daily Mirror* wholly agrees with Lord Onslow and others that children are not responsible for their parents' actions. Secondly, however, it considers that this important principle must be read in the light of the vital need to ensure that no breath of suspicion or scandal attaches to the royal family and hence that before a marriage into the royal family takes place, there should be the fullest knowledge of the background and origin of those concerned.

It is unfortunate, whatever the reason, that such knowledge, which evidently existed in this particular case, was withheld from the public by those in the know. If Lord Onslow and the other peers disagree with this, perhaps they will now explain why.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MOLLOY, Editor,
Daily Mirror,
Holborn Circus, EC1.
April 22.

From Mr Andrew W. H. Rankin

Sir, Robert Maxwell in his letter (April 19) appears to have completely missed the point of your leader, "Mudslingers Inc" (April 17).

The *Daily Mirror* does, indeed, have a duty to the British public to disclose any relevant facts concerning Baron von Reibnitz and his membership of the SS.

However, the hysterical language used in this disclosure is totally unnecessary from an objective point of view, but is understandable in terms of increasing sales of the *Daily Mirror*.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW W. H. RANKIN,
Flat C611,
Du Cane Court, Balham, SW17.

Teachers' time

From Mr P. S. Pendered

Sir, Vice-Admiral Louis Le Bailly (April 17) points out, quite rightly I'm sure, that servicemen, like teachers have to perform a multiplicity of roles. Has he also tried comparing the career prospects and salary scales of an aspiring teacher with those of an aspiring naval officer?

The difference is less marked in other countries. My French mother-in-law rose to the top of her profession. She was awarded the Légion d'Honneur merely (ironical usage) for being a good teacher (not a headmistress), and her pension is the same as that of a major-general – they are both fonctionnaires, of equal rank.

The British public is growing tired, I expect, of complaints like this about the low status and salary of this country's educators. The truth is that it is nothing short of a national scandal, and it is time they were given the recognition they deserve.

Yours truly,
P. S. PENDERED,
Judde House,
London Road,
Tonbridge,
Kent.

From Mr T. A. Mitchell

Sir, Vice Admiral Le Bailly's implied comparison of a teacher with a corporal is apt when one considers their respective salaries and may be justified by the wide ranging responsibilities and duties apparently undertaken by junior NCOs: but the level of responsibility must surely be related to professional qualification and I suspect that graduate corporals are still pretty thin on the ground.

Yours faithfully,
T. A. MITCHELL,
4 Westbourne Avenue,
Emsworth,
Hampshire.
April 18.

Mrs Thatcher's tour

From Mr S. Grann

Sir, I have just returned from the Far East where, by chance, I happened to be visiting most of the countries on Mrs Thatcher's tour.

I am amazed, therefore, to see the absurd, childish and damaging remarks being made on the tour both by senior politicians and, I am afraid, some newspapers.

Make no mistake about it, Mrs Thatcher's tour was a roaring success in selling Britain and British goods. Almost overnight, she changed the image of the UK and, more important, the whole atmosphere of doing business with this country that existed in the Far East. For the first time for years, we have got a Prime Minister who believes in selling this country and its products. It is unbelievable that anyone should think of criticizing her for doing this.

As far as I am concerned, Mrs Thatcher is doing more good for Britain travelling the world than staying behind in Chequers. I am sure that other exporters will agree.

Yours faithfully,
S. GRANN, Managing Director,
ROBA (UK) Ltd.
Burnt Mill Industrial Estate,
Elizabeth Way,
Harlow, Essex.

Corfu Channel incident

From Lord Campbell of Croy

Sir, While sharing the hope that Albania's new leadership will favour more normal relations with other countries, I must comment on the brief account of the 1946 Corfu Channel incident in Mr Nicholas Aldridge's letter (April 22).

In recording that two British warships struck mines he did not mention that more than 40 British lives were lost. The incident occurred not "at the end" of the war but nearly a year and a half after VE Day. The Corfu Channel had been swept and cleared of all German mines and had for many years been accepted as an international route open to the free passage of vessels of all nations.

Albanian gold is not being held by Britain "in reprisal". The case went to the International Court at The Hague whose judgment required Albania to pay compensation to Britain. Until Albania decides to comply with that judgment it is reasonable that the return of appropriate assets to Albania should be blocked.

Yours faithfully,
CAMPBELL OF CROY,
House of Lords.
April 23.

Trust on the campus

From Mr Peter King

Sir, In your leader, "Trust on the campus" (April 2), you write: "The universities really have no choice except to embrace the Jarratt managerial programme with enthusiasm."

I am relieved that the solution to our problems has now been found, but beg to point out that management and efficiency are means to an end. Since I began university teaching some thirty years ago I have experienced at least three fundamental changes in the official policy on higher education. There is no reason to believe that the present obsessions will last any longer than the others. We shall continue to flounder unless there is some agreement about the ultimate purpose which our universities are to fulfil.

It is sad that there has been no attempt to deal authoritatively with this matter since Newman's *The Idea of a University* was published in 1858. Dare I suggest that no one should think of meddling with higher education before reading it?

Yours faithfully,
PETER KING,
Department of Mediaeval History,
University of St Andrews,
St Andrews, Fife.

Attendance fees at the Customs

From the Director-General of the Institute of Freight Forwarders

Sir, Now that the full impact of the implementation of the Rayner recommendations for "economic" charging for the attendance of customs officers on Sundays and Bank Holidays has become apparent, it would seem that, once again we are faced with double standards. It is all right for the forwarders to be burdened with an estimated overall increase of 93 per cent (the estimate for Dover), whilst the Government and CBI are exhorting all to keep wage settlements and cost increases below the 5 per cent level!

Not only are our members expected to pay for the officer who attends, but also for the data processors and clerical assistants in the office, and for whom no charge has previously been made. This is a little surprising when one recalls that data processing was introduced into HM Customs to make life easier!

More important, no warning of the effects of the new ruling on individual ports was given until about three weeks before the new charges came into operation. The effects on ports is going to vary considerably. As stated, Dover see an overall increase of 93 per cent, but in Hull it is estimated that the increase will be even more, due to the fact that there is very little weekday overtime there, but a considerable amount on Sundays.

There is absolutely no reason why freight should receive any different treatment from passengers, and it is our contention that these charges should be eliminated altogether. There can be no question of freight forwarders absorbing these high costs, they will have to pass them on to importers. But the average importer has absolutely no control over whether his goods arrive at a weekend or not, and it is most iniquitous that some should be burdened with heavy charges for customs attendance, whilst others have no charge whatever.

Yours sincerely,
GORDON A. BROWN,
Director-General,
The Institute of Freight Forwarders,
Suffield House,
9 Paradise Road, Richmond, Surrey.

Points of view

From Mr Richard Tracey, JP, MP for Surbiton (Conservative)

Sir, You have recently embellished your "General Appointments" advertising with political and trade union comments, but I cannot honestly see how two of these, the views of the Labour spokesman, John Prescott, MP, or of Mr Clive Jenkins, could encourage anyone to work in Britain. Their tone is far more likely to drive people to despair and to seek foreign appointments.

John Prescott's attitude is one of confrontation, destructive sneers and ill-temper which so often characterise his contributions in the House of Commons and on the media.

Clive Jenkins seems to look to Sweden as "the economic Mecca". When I was in that country recently, the businessmen complained frequently to me of the confiscatory levels of taxation – over 70 per cent – and the use of this money by Sweden's Socialist Government to create non-jobs. They also told me that these features are driving out many of the most enterprising Swedes to form one particularly notable colony overseas where opportunity is perceived – in Britain.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD TRACEY,
House of Commons.
April 18.

Green belt status

From the President of the House-Builders Federation

Sir, The letter from Mr R. G. W. Smith (April 15) about the future protection of the green belt is unfortunately very misleading. The proper consideration of possible development of sites that are currently within the green belt, but which no longer serve any green belt policy function, takes place constantly and involves the loss of very small amounts of land each year.

This must be seen against the massive and seemingly uncontrolled spread of green belt in recent years. The metropolitan green belt alone had almost doubled in size from 750,000 acres in 1976 to 1.2 million acres by 1984.

Most of this massive expansion of the green belt has been effected via individual county and district plans, without any regional co-ordination to achieve the strategic purposes which Abercrombie and others before him intended green belt to serve.

This has imposed a damaging blanket of restraint on the mobility of industry and housing in the UK economy's major area of growth – growth that needs to be accommodated to maintain international competitiveness, to provide jobs for some of the 3½ million unemployed and to provide a tax-base to help relieve some of the massive problems of de-industrialization in the north.

Therefore, the power that the Secretary of State for the Environment is reserving to make directions on unitary plans, about which Mr Smith complains, is vital if some overall strategic co-ordination or guidance is to be achieved on a wide range of unilateral decisions that could be taken by boroughs who themselves, by their very nature, lack any overall strategic view.

Finally, it should be appreciated that the powers the Secretary of State is proposing to reserve are similar to those he has used since 1968 in respect of structure plans. This is therefore no cause for alarm.

Yours faithfully,
G. C. PYE, President,
The House-Builders Federation,
82 New Cavendish Street, W1.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 24 1804

The Peace of Amiens between Britain, Holland, France and Spain was signed in October, 1801. War, against Napoleon, broke out again in May, 1803, and there were fears that Britain might be invaded. Pitt had been convinced that the peace would not last long and had little faith in the feebleness of the Addington ministry. By 1804 he was strongly opposed to Government policy and spoke accordingly in the Commons on April 23 and 24. Pitt succeeded Addington in May, 1804. The Times single sheet (four pages) paper of this date is one of a number of the late 18th and early 19th centuries in which there was not a line of advertising – such issues being devoted solely to Parliamentary debates.

DEFENCE OF THE NATION.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,
MONDAY, APRIL 23.

Mr. FOX. . . As to Great Britain, they say, that the present force is greater than at the conclusion of last war. Such an assertion has no effect with me, because the question is, what are our actual preparations for our present dangers? I argue, that these calculations too are not so accurate as they are said to be. Before I go into the question of increasing our regular army, I may here notice, that some Gentlemen may think, that if I had had my will, there would have been fewer regular forces than we have at present. I hope there is no man who would think of opposing two questions so contrary to each other, as what should be our military establishment in time of peace, and what in time of war; there could be no just comparison, because these two questions are entirely and essentially different, and stand on separate grounds from each other. . . . If Ministers mean to threaten, at least they should have the prudence to menace what they could enforce and perform. One of the predecessors of the Right Hon. Speaker, with the duties of his important station, blended some portion of theatrical parade. On one occasion, not being able to enforce order, he threatened one of the Members he should, if obedience were not instantly paid, call out to him by name. "And what if you should name him?" replied the other. "God only knows", returned the Speaker. If the Volunteers were not under the influence of this aweful Bill, or even on being named to comply with the Right Hon. Gentleman's wishes, and the consequence were enquired to be explained in the same spirit, it would be answered. "God only knows!"....

Mr. PITT . . . When I speak of providing for the public safety, I do not mean to be understood as speaking of the necessity of a provision against ultimate conquest, but I mean to say, that no chance should be given to the enemy to make any impression on us, and that we should be fully prepared to give them an utter defeat, and to obtain a lasting security for the future interests of the country. When I consider, that the country is defended by 400,000 Volunteers, by a strong Regular force, and a well disciplined Militia, I do not mean to say, that the force is not adequate to its safety, but still I must ask, how many thousands of that force may be assembled, in what time, and in what condition, near any of those points which are likely to be attacked? Here give me leave to say, that in the answer which may be made to my question, I shall not be content with round numbers; and with general assurances, for the want of precision, in articles like these has been a radical error, in the whole system of defence, and has afforded a clearer proof of the want of ability on the part of Ministers, in completing the means of security than almost anything else. I do not mean, although the Right Hon. Gentleman has set me the example, to take a retrospective view at any length, for the purpose of applying the results of my researches to the question before the House: but the neglect of which the Executive Government was guilty, in not providing for the event of a war in time of peace, cannot be passed over without some notice. It was in the moment of peace that, in fact, the foundation of a force calculated to renew hostilities with every fair prospect of vigor, promptitude, and success should have been laid. The causes for precaution were not wanting, and in truth they have been admitted by Ministers themselves.

Slow delivery?

From Mr Henry Howell

Sir, On page 5 of today's edition (April 18) your lead story is "Letters without a postcode will take longer to deliver from today."

Post Office entries in the London telephone directory cover several pages. Not one address carries its postcode. Indeed, not one address in the whole of the London telephone directory carries a postcode.

Shouldn't Big Brother set a better example?

Yours faithfully,
HENRY HOWELL, Chairman,
Pantheon Press Ltd.,
1 Kensington Mall, W8.
April 18.

The Great Divide

From Mr Merlin Minshall

Sir, Your French correspondent, Monsieur Faivre D'Arcier, asks (April 18) when the sea separating England and France became known as "the *English* Channel" and why.

He will find the answer (1) in Shakespeare *(Richard II, Act 2)* where John of Gaunt talks of England being set in a silver sea *which serves it in the office of a wall, or as a moat defensive to a house* and (2) in the figure that stands on the mighty column looking down Whitehall.

Only because the Channel *is* English is this statue of Nelson and not of Napoleon (nor, for that matter of Hitler or of Philip of Spain).

I remain, Sir, yours offensively, (by which, with respect, I mean to imply merely that we English have always believed that it is better to be the hammer rather than the anvil).
MERLIN MINSHALL,
The Old Bakery,
Stoke-Ferry,
Kings Lynn,
Norfolk.
April 18.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 23: By command of The Queen, the Lord Skelmersdale (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the arrival of The President of the Republic of Seychelles and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 23: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited the Langdon Park Centre, Tower Hamlets.

Lady Elizabeth Basset, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain James Lowther-Pinkerton were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 23: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, The Blackie Foundation Trust, was present this afternoon at the Blackie Memorial Lecture held at The Medical Society of London, Chandos Street. In the evening Her Royal Highness was present at a Recital held at Draper's Hall, Throgmorton Street, in aid of King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers.

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this evening at the Health Festival's "Spring Celebration" in aid of Birthright at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland and Mrs Euan McCorquodale were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 23: Princess Alexandra, attended by Lady Angela Whiteley, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Belgium.

A service of thanksgiving for John L. Harvey will be held in the chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on Friday, May 10, at 11am.

A memorial service for Mr H. N. Sporborg will be held in the Chapel of the Order of St Michael and St George, St Paul's Cathedral, on Thursday, May 9, at 11.30am.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S. W. Chitty and Dr C. M. Palmer
The engagement is announced between Sebastian, son of Mr and Mrs M. W. Chitty, of Woking, Surrey, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. G. Palmer, of Reading, Berkshire.

Dr J. C. Cripps and Dr C. J. Crace
The engagement is announced between John Canning, only son of the late Mr K. C. Cripps and Mrs K. C. Cripps, of Norton, Stourbridge, and Caroline Jean, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. E. Crace, of Little Hadham, Hertfordshire.

Mr T. K. Dunham and Miss H. L. Kozich
The engagement is announced between Timothy Kingsley, elder son of Professor and Mrs Ansel Dunham, of Beverley, Yorkshire, and Hannah Louise, younger daughter of the late Mr R. F. Kozich and Mrs E. M. Kozich, of Stamford, Lincolnshire.

Mr M. C. A. Dyer and Miss N. J. Higgin
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Dyer, of Timau, Kenya, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. N. Higgin, of Limuru, Kenya.

Mr D. J. Gay and Miss E. M. E. Furtek
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. E. Gay, of Kirroughtree Lodge House, Newton Stewart, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. J. Furtek, of Croft an Righ Wigtown, Wigtownshire.

Mr M. Joinville and Miss R. A. Bye
The engagement is announced between Macarius Joinville, nephew of Mrs Mary Adon, of Castries, St Lucia, and Rosemary, daughter of the late Peter Bye and Mrs James Page, of Besselsleigh and Dry Sandford, Abingdon-on-Thames.

Major I. R. Shackleton, RTR and Miss F. S. Charkham
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel R. J. Shackleton and of Mrs Irene Shackleton, of Winterborne Kingston, Dorset, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Charkham, of Kensington, London.

Marriages

Mr S. T. Dutton and Miss J. E. Hunter
The marriage took place on April 13 in Ulverston, Cumbria, of Mr Steven Dutton and Miss Jane Hunter.

Mr A. R. Scrope and Miss S. G. Warde
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 13, at Our Lady of the Snows, Sun Valley, Idaho, of Mr Adrian Scrope, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Adrian Scrope, and Miss Sandra Warde, daughter of Mr Tom Warde and Mrs Prudence Shinner Warde.

Mod for Edinburgh

Next year's National Mod, the week-long festival of Gaelic music and drama, is to be held in Edinburgh for the first time in 26 years.

Birthdays today

Mr Ralph Brown, 57; Field Marshal Lord Carver, 70; Mr Justice Caulfield, 71; the Marquess of Cholmondeley, 66; Sir Gordon Cox, 79; Mr Clement Freud, MP, 61; Dame Helen Gardiner, 84; Rear-Admiral Sir Joseph Henley, 76; Admiral Sir Rae McKaig, 63; Mr Justice Park, 75; Mr Joseph Rank, 67; Miss Bridget Riley, 54; Miss Barbra Streisand, 43; Mr John Williams, 44; Sir Richard Woolley, 79.

Aides-de-camp

The following Royal Navy officers have been appointed Aides-de-Camp to the Queen with effect from July 7:
Captain B T Brown, Commodore C A F Buchanan, Captain H G De Courcy-Ireland, Captain R A Isaac, Captain I B Lennox, Captain J Marsh, Captain J J Mitchell, Captain J P B O'Riordan, Commodore P Reeves, Commodore T D A Thompson, Captain A R Wavish, Commodore B N Wilson, Captain R A Worlidge.

Easter banquet

Lord Mayor
The Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea and Mrs Somare were guests of the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress at the Easter banquet at the Mansion House last night in honour of the members of the Diplomatic Corps and their ladies.

The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Dominican Ambassador, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. The guests included:
Ambassadors, high commissioners, chargés d'affaires, the Lord Chamberlain and the Countess of Airlie, Colonel Lord and Lady Hailsham, Lady Howe, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Papua New Guinea and Mrs Gilbeno, Sir Robert and Lady Bellinger, Sir Hugh and Lady Wontner, Sir Murray and Lady Fox, generals, admirals, aldermen, sheriffs, members of the Court of Common Council and officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies, Sir Antony Acland, Mr Timothy Renton, MP, and Mrs Renton, the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Lady Richards, the Hon Eustace and Mrs Gibbs, Mr and Mrs Leonard Appleyard, Mr and Mrs F E R Butler, Professor and Mrs E J Kenney, Mr and Mrs Roger Mitchell, Miss B E J Morrison, Wing Commander E L Meaes, Group Captain Anthony O'Neil, Mrs E Paterson, Miss Elizabeth Orr, Mr and Mrs Richard Roberts, Mr and Mrs R F Salisbury, and Mr Philip Traill.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at Lancaster House yesterday at a farewell luncheon in honour of the Burmese Ambassador.

Glovers' Company
The Master of the Glovers' Company, Mr Stephen Kirsch, presided at a court luncheon at Carpenters' Hall yesterday and presented the Golden Glove Award 1985 to Mr Ron Dennis.

Latest wills

Brigadier Sir Richard Hamilton Anstruther-Gough-Calthorpe, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, who owned some of the most valuable urban property in Britain, with estates in London and Birmingham, left £2,080,795.

Sandringham venue

The Queen has agreed to the staging at Sandringham of the World Pairs Horse-driving Championships for four days from August 29. Prince Michael of Kent hopes to compete. The Norwich Union Driving Trials, in which the Duke of Edinburgh will be competing, has been switched from June to be incorporated in the world championship event.

School news

Allhallows School, Devon

Summer Term at Allhallows School begins today and ends on Friday, July 12. The Confirmation Service is on Saturday, May 4; the Bishop of Crediton will officiate. CCF annual inspection will be on Friday, May 10, when the inspecting officer will be Air Commodore R. A. Mason. Speech Day will be on Saturday, July 6, when the chief guest will be Dr David Harrison, Vice-Chancellor of Exeter University. Exeat is from May 24 until May 28 and the Old Honitonians' Cricket Week begins on July 15.

A reception will be held at the school on Saturday, April 27, for vice-presidents and governors to launch the Allhallows Development Appeal. The objectives of the appeal are a new boys' house, an extension to the girls' house and a sports hall and drama centre. The president of the appeal is Mr J. A. Danielli, the chairman of the appeal is Brigadier N. I. B. Speller and the appeal director is Mr A. W. Preston.

Carmel College

Summer Term began at Carmel College on Monday, May 12 is Regatta Day. The fortieth anniversary appeal will be launched at a dinner at the college on June 19 when the Secretary of State for Defence, Mr Michael R. D. Heseltine, will be the guest of honour. OCA day is June 23. The JNF Choirs' Festival takes place on June 16 and speech day, at which Lord Sieff of Brimpton is the guest of honour, ends the term on July 14.

Cobham Hall

Summer Term begins today. Katherine Cater is the guardian. Elders Day at Cobham Hall is on Saturday, April 27, from noon. Festival Weekend will be held on July 6 and 7 and term ends at 3pm on July 7, 1985.

Eton College

Eton College opens today for the Summer Half. There are 1,259 boys in the school. A. J. N. Roxburgh (KS) continues as captain of the school, and J. A. B. Gavin (OS) captain of the Oppidans.

Four performances of *The Bacchae* will be given in the Farrer Theatre on May 25, 26, 27 and 28. The Corps Tattoo will be on the evening of May 21 prior to the Fourth of June celebrations on Thursday, May 30.

Long leave will be from May 30 to June 3. The Winchester match will be played at Winchester on June 21 and 22, the Harrow match at Lord's on Saturday, July 6, and school closes on July 12.

Sacred Heart School, Tunbridge Wells

Summer Term began on Monday, April 22, and ends on Friday, July 12, 1985. Half-term is May 27 to 31 inclusive. Open day will be held on Sunday, July 7.

Queenswood School

Summer Term begins today with Charlotte Gerken as head girl and Alison Wakelin as deputy head girl. Confirmation will be held on Saturday, May 11, the service being conducted by the Bishop of Hertford and the Rev G. S. Wakefield, Principal of Queen's College, Birmingham. Commemoration Day is on Thursday, May 23, when the service will be taken by the Bishop of Lewes, and the prizes presented by Sir Peter Thompson.

Howell's School, Denbigh

Summer Term begins today at Howell's School, Denbigh. The school celebrates its 125th birthday on the weekend of May 11 with a celebration ball and other festivities including a performance of *The Reluctant Debutante*. The weekend will also see the opening of the new art and craft complex by the Master of the Drapers' Company, Captain P. A. Bence-Trower, RN.

The half-term break will be from May 24 until June 2 and the term will end on Sunday, July 14. Dr Eric Anderson, Headmaster of Eton College, will deliver the Speech Day address.

King William's College, Isle of Man

Summer Term begins today. J. D. Hamm continues as head of school and R. F. M. Cook is captain of cricket. Archbishop Derek Worlock will visit The school on April 25 and Major-General L. A. W. New, OKW, will conduct the CCF Annual Inspection on May 20. The old boys' dinner and end of term are on July 15.

Moreton Hall, Shropshire

Summer Term began on Sunday, April 21, with 311 girls on roll, 72 of whom are in the sixth form. Martha Briscoe and Anna Jones-Perrott remain as head and second prefect; the captain of cricket is Sophie Owen and the captain of tennis Susan Ormrod. The summer ball will be held on May 18. The half-term exeat will be from May 24 to 28, and parents' weekend will be July 6 and 7. The new boarding houses are nearing completion and will be ready for occupation in September.

St Leonard's School St Andrews

Summer Term at St Leonard's School began yesterday and ends on Tuesday July 16. Half term will be from Wednesday, May 29 to Sunday, June 2. Senior Week will be held from Friday, May 17 to Sunday, May 19. The speaker at Speech Day on Tuesday, July 16, will be Sir Kenneth Alexander, Principal of Stirling University.

Kent College

Summer Term started yesterday and ends on Saturday, July 13 which is also Speech Day. Kirsty Allchin and Giles Surman continue as head prefects and Paul Goodban is captain of cricket. The Confirmation Service will will be held at the school chapel on Friday, May 10. Speech Day weekend will be the focus of the centenary celebrations, with a service of celebration in Canterbury Cathedral at 3.00pm on Friday, July 12, with speeches and the centenary ball on Saturday, July 13.

St Audries School

Summer Term begins today. Performances of the school play will be given on May 17 and 23. Old girls' day is on May 18 and sports day on June 8. The St John Nursing Cadet Band will play at Earls Court on Saturday, July 13, during a matinee performance of the Royal Tournament. Speech day, at which the guest of honour will be Mr J. A. F. Luttrell, County Commissioner for St John Ambulance Brigade, is on Tuesday, July 16. Half term is from May 24 to 29 and term ends on July 17.

Major D. N. SMith, RA, has been appointed bursar on the retirement of Mrs D. B. Weston. He takes up his appointment on June 1, 1985.

St John's School

Summer Term starts today. The Duchess of Gloucester, patron, will visit the school on Tuesday, June 4. Open Day for parents, Old Johnians and other friends of the school will be on Saturday, May 25. The captain of cricket is H. R. A. F. Davies. The summer concert will be on Sunday, July 7, and prize giving will take place on the last day of term, Friday, July 12.

To mark the retirement of the headmaster, Mr E. J. Hartwell, at the end of the Summer Term, there will be a farewell dinner for Mr and Mrs Hartwell on Friday, July 19, for Old Johnians and their wives, parents and parents of former pupils. Further particulars and applications both for the dinner and for open day may be obtained from the Recorder, Mr M. E. C. Comer, preferably before May 14.

St Mary's School

Summer Term started yesterday. Jennifer Poole is head girl, and Melissa Brownlow is deputy head girl. The school will perform "Oliver" on Thursday and Friday, May 23 and 24. The exeat is from Saturday, May 25 until Wednesday, May 29. The old girls' association have arranged a private view of the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition on Monday, June 10 at 6.45 pm in aid of the Save the Children Fund. Tickets, price £12.50 each, may be obtained from Mrs W Andrewes, 22 Milson Road, London W14. Term ends on Saturday July 13, which is Parents' Day. The prizes will be presented by Dr Caroline Jackson, MEP.

St Felix School

Summer Term began yesterday with Rachel Pitt head of school. There will be an Old Felicians' Service in the school chapel on Sunday, May 12, at 11.30 am, when the Right Reverend Falkner Allison will dedicate a processional cross in memory of Miss M. T. Williamson. Any OFs or former staff not on the mailing list who would like to attend the service should contact the Honorary Secretary, c/o The School. Term ends on Saturday July 13 with parents' day, at which the guest of honour will be Miss Sheila Browde, Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge. The summer ball will be held in the evening.

St Dunstan's College

Summer Term began yesterday and ends on Wednesday, July 17, exeat being from May 25 to 28 inclusive. Matthew d'Ancona continues as head of school; G. A. Pointer is captain of cricket. The inspecting officer for C.C.F. annual inspection on May 23 will be Captain P. F. Grenier, RN. The preacher at commemoration day in Southwark Cathedral on May 24 will be the Rev Caryl Micklem; lower school and preparatory department commemoration on May 29 will be at St George's Church, Perry Hill, and the preacher will be the Rev Jeremy Saville. Old boy's day is June 8 and Open Day is July 13. The summer concert is on May 22 and the 1st XI v MCC is on July 17.

Worksop College

Term began yesterday. Andrew King is captain of school. The principal guest at Speech Day on June 1 will be Sir Alex Jarratt, Chairman of Reed International and Chancellor of Birmingham University. Old boys and girls of the 1970s and 1980s will be particularly welcome at the OW reunion on September 21. Gibbs House, the new boarding house to accommodate 50 girls, will be opened for the Autumn term.

Tudor Hall

Members of Tudor Hall, past and present, would like to wish Miss Nesta Inglis a very happy 90th birthday. Miss Inglis, who is still an active member of the governing body, was a pupil at the school from 1911-13 and headmistress from 1935-60. To mark the occasion a special music scholarship will be awarded. Old Tudorians will be holding a party on May 1 in London and the school will celebrate on May 16.

The Nesta Inglis Music Scholarship will be awarded to a candidate beginning September 1986. Girls may be 11+, 12+, and 13+. Details and application forms may be obtained from The Headmistress, Tudor Hall, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX16 9UR. The closing date is June 1, 1985.

This school notice was held over from yesterday's edition because of pressure on space.

OBITUARY

SIR THOMAS PARRY
Distinguished Welsh scholar

Sir Thomas Parry, FBA, who died in Bangor on April 22 at the age of 80 was a distinguished Welshman whose achievements touched and strengthened the life of his native culture at many points.

University teacher, administrator and Welsh scholar, he was from 1958 to 1969 Principal of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth at a time of major expansion; from 1969 to 1977 he was President of the National Library of Wales where he had previously been Librarian; while among his many scholarly works all written in Welsh, were his history of Welsh literature, his magisterial edition of Dafydd ap Gwilym, and the *Oxford Book of Welsh Verse* which he edited.

Parry was born on August 14, 1904, the son of a slate quarryman in Carmel, Caernarvonshire. He came of remarkable, if socially unexalted stock: The poets Robert Williams Parry and Sir T. H. Parry-Williams were cousins.

He was educated at Pen-y-groes county school and University College Bangor where he graduated in Welsh with Latin.

For three years he taught Welsh and Latin at University College Cardiff, also gaining his MA. Later (1953) he was to gain the University of Wales DLitt.

In 1929 he returned to Bangor as Lecturer in Welsh Language and Literature, succeeding Sir Ifor Williams as Professor in 1948. He was a gifted teacher who was able to talk learnedly and inspiringly on any period of Welsh literature from the sixth century to the 20th: he also did more than anyone to redress the imbalance towards philology in Welsh literary studies which prevailed at that time.

In 1953 he was appointed Librarian of the National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth, a post in which his already proven gifts as an administrator found expression. As Principal from 1958 of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, he presided over the Robbins expansion (of which he did not wholly approve) which saw an unprecedented increase in student numbers and the removal of most of the college from its original site by the sea to the fine campus on the hillside overlooking the town.

During this time he was also chairman of the influential UGC Committee of Libraries, known universally as the Parry Committee.

In his last term, summer 1969, he welcomed the Prince of Wales as a student before his Investiture in July.

In difficult times, Parry strove to uphold both the Welshness and the academic excellence of the college, and also of the University of Wales, of which he was Vice-Chancellor in 1961-63, and 1967-69.

After 1969 he remained active in public life, notably as President of the National Library of Wales and President of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion 1978-82. He had been awarded its medal in 1976.

He was also a much revered figure on National Eisteddfod platforms.

Parry's scholarly publications number well over 200, but a few stand out: the seminal *Hanes Llenyddiaeth Gymraeg Hyd 1900 (History of Welsh Literature to 1900)*; the magisterial edition of Wales' greatest poet, *Gwaith Dafydd ap Gwilym (The Work of Dafydd ap Gwilym)*; the *Oxford Book of Welsh Verse (1962)*; and (with Merfyn Morgan) *Llyfryddiaeth Llenyddiaeth Gymraeg (A Bibliography of Welsh Literature)*, published 1976.

The delightful *Baledi'r Ddeunawfed Ganrif* (18th Century Ballads), 1935, reveals his musical gifts, which never perhaps found full expression.

He was made FBA in 1959, Hon DLitt Celt (NUI) in 1968; Hon LLD (Wales) in 1970; and was knighted in 1978.

He is survived by his wife, Enid (née Davies) whom he married in 1936 and whose companionship was his mainstay throughout his career.

SIR OWEN TEMPLE-MORRIS

His Hon Sir Owen Temple-Morris, QC, who died on April 21 at the age of 88, was for many years one of Wales's best known County Court judges having served on several Circuits from 1942 until his retirement as a Judge of Cardiff County Court Circuit No 27 in 1969.

An active figure in public and political life in Wales he had also sat as National Conservative MP for Cardiff East from 1931 to 1942.

Born the son of Dr Frederick Temple Morris he practised as a solicitor before being called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1925.

Thereafter he practised on the Wales and Chester Circuits before taking silk in 1937. He was Prosecuting Council to the Post Office, S Wales Circuit from 1931 to 1937.

He was recorder of Merthyr Tydfil from 1936 to 1942, chairman of Quarter Sessions of Haverfordwest, 1942-48, of Carmarthenshire, 1942-50, and of Brecknockshire 1948-55 as well as being Judge of Monmouthshire Quarter Sessions, 1950-69.

Much concerned with the affairs of the Church in Wales he was a former President of its Provincial Court, Lay Secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Conference, 1927-35, and Chancellor of the Diocese of Llandaff from 1935 to 1979.

He was a Member of the Cymmrodorian Society and, from 1938 to 1945 Chief Commandant Cardiff Volunteer Special Constabulary.

He was knighted in 1967.

Temple-Morris married in 1927 Vera, elder daughter of D. Hamilton Thompson. They had one son, Peter Temple-Morris who is Conservative MP for Leominster.

MR D. M. GORDON

Mr D. M. Gordon, CMG, former British High Commissioner in Cyprus and Ambassador to Austria, died suddenly on April 13. He was 63.

Born on August 14, 1921, Donald McDonald Gordon was educated at Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, and Aberdeen University before wartime service in the Royal Artillery in which he gained a mention in despatches. Joining the Foreign Service in 1947 he served in Peru, Austria, Burma and South Africa as well as at the Foreign Office, and spent a year at The Imperial Defence College before moving to Saigon as counsellor. He came back to London in 1969 as head of the South-East Asia department.

For Britain's involvement with Vietnam this was a time of gradually-diminishing responsibility as co-chairman of the 1954 Geneva Conference and Gordon's steady temperament was especially valuable during his five years' connection with Indo-China.

In 1975, after three years in Kuala Lumpur, he was appointed Ambassador to Cyprus. He was suggesting that the expression could, in fact, have an influence on emotions.

Dr Waynbaum's idea was neglected because it conflicted with the accepted view of the Darwinian school of behaviour, which believed that facial expression had evolved to communicate information about the probable future behaviour of the "displaying animal".

Thus by expressing its emotions, one animal could signal its intentions to another.

But Professor Zajanc asks: why should humans, who have such a powerful means of communication through language, be the one animal to have also developed, the most complex repertoire of facial movements? Do we need, in addition to speech, some 80 facial muscles merely to broadcast our intentions?

In contrast to his contemporaries, the French doctor offered the theory that emotional responses had as their principal function the auxiliary control of the flow of blood through the brain. Noting that all overt emotional responses (blushing, sobbing, weeping, frowning) were closely tied to muscle actions of blood vessels, the original theory made 80 years ago has some assumptions now known to be false.

But had Dr Waynbaum worked in a modern laboratory, he would have known, for example, that the blood supply to the brain did not derive from a single source.

According to Professor Zajanc, the French doctor would have concentrated on the veins which carry the blood on the return path from the brain. Muscle action was more significant in the return circulation because veins were more readily controlled by muscles.

An example is the gorged frontal veins when straining excessively or when in a rage. Because blood from the brain drains through the forehead and face, the muscular action in the face can briefly delay the outflow of blood from the brain.

Professor Zajanc seems confident that the French theorist, with today's knowledge, would have quickly drawn a connection between emotion and brain temperature.

Temperature is important, because it will influence the biochemical action of the neurochemicals. In particular, different modifications will occur in certain regions of the brain.

Modern methods of measuring blood flow, using, for example, thermography (pictures obtained from the infra-red heat from the body) and after inhaling Xenon-133, can be applied to determine whether emotional expressions influence blood-flow.

Observations of patients taking drugs for blood pressure show significant changes in blood circulation that often have serious depressive side-effects, and other profound mood changes are associated with diseases of the vascular system.

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Memorial services

Prisoners of Colditz Castle
A service of remembrance and thanksgiving was held at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Hyde Park Crescent W2, on Sunday, April 21, to commemorate the prisoners of Colditz Castle during the Second World War. The Rev Thaddeus Birchard officiated, assisted by the Rev Malcolm Weisman, the Rev Jack Courtenay and the Rev George Courson. The Bishop of Fulham pronounced the blessing.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, the Earl and Countess of Harewood, Baroness Airey of Abingdon and General W. M. Broomhall, ex-senior officer in Colditz, were present. The Secretary of State for Defence was represented by Mr John P. Stanley, MP, the Chief of General Staff by Major-General M. T. Skinner, the First Sea Lord by Rear-Admiral A. J. Richmond, the Chief of Air Staff by Air Vice-Marshal J. A. Porter, the Commandant General of the Royal Marines by Major-General J. Owen, the Commandos by Colonel J. Churchill, the British Red Cross Society by Dame Anne Bryans, and the Metropolitan Police by Chief-Superintendent Iles. Others present included representatives of the High Commissions for Australia, Canada, and India, the embassies of France, The Netherlands, Israel, Norway, South Africa, Switzerland, the United States, and free Czechoslovakian and Polish associations; former Colditz prisoners, wives, widows, families and friends of Colditz prisoner-of-war.

MR C. L. G. Phillpotts
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Christopher Phillpotts was held at St Martin-in-the-Fields yesterday. The Rev Fred Stevens officiated, assisted by the Rev Hugh Marshall. Mr Jonathan Mylne, grandson, gave a reading. Mr Simon Phillpotts, son, read *Sunset and Evening Star* by Tennyson and Mr William J Fox read from the works of Henry Scott Holland. Sir Stephen Hastings gave an address.
Mrs Phillpotts (widow), Mr and Mrs Rod Stevens (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Jessica Mylne and Dominic Mylne (grandchildren), Mrs Alan Phillpotts, Mr and Mrs Jeremy Reiss, Miss Amanda Reiss, Captain and Mrs Jeremy James, Mrs Nance Lawrenz, Mrs Michael Shorter, Mr and Mrs Andrew Millar, Mrs K Kirkpatrick.
The Earl and Countess of Normanton, Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Lord and Lady Glasgwyn, Lady Charlotte Anne Curzon, Lady Caroline Faber, the Hon A V Hare, the Hon Simon Orr-Ewing, Sir Bernard and the Hon Lady Waley-Cohen, Lady Brooke, Sir Guy Fison, Lieutenant-Commander Sir Peter Oppenheim, Sylvia Lady Williamson, Mrs Ian Critchett, Sir Clive Lochnis, Sir Peter Tennent, Sir Robin and Lady Hooper, Sir Dick Francis, Sir Michael Balfour, Sir Leonard Neal, Lady (John) Ennis, Lady (William) Hardinge, Sir Anthony and Lady Lambert, Sir Harold Beeley, Sir Patrick Dean, Sir Nicolas Cheetham, Sir Derek Ashe, Lady Peake, Major and the Hon Mrs John Bowlby, Mar and Mrs Nigel Clive, Mr John Burrough, Mr and Mrs Bruce Lockhart, Mr Donald Sutherland, Mr and Mrs G M E Paulson, Mr and Mrs T B Beattie, Mr Ronnie Bloom, Dr Grace Thornton, Mr L H Mitchell, Mr I W Roberts, Mr Ellis Morgan, Mar and Mrs Leonard Miall, Mr Nigel Mylne, QC, Mr and Mrs Robert Morley, Mr and Mrs John da Silva, Mr Michael Wrigley, Mr G H Burleigh, Mr N G Nelson and Mrs Joan Lonergan, Mr Michael Rose, Miss Rachel Whitaker (Reuters), Mr Nigel Mooney (Barclays Bank International) and Mrs Mooney, Mr Carol Mather, MP, Countess de Lesseps, Mr and Mrs Jack Brewer, Mrs William Fox, Mr Edward James, Mr John Nichols, Mr John Ward, Commander M Chichester, Miss Jennifer Choudhuri (Employment Conditions Abroad), and Mr Geoffrey Knight.

Colonel Ian Lapraik
A memorial service for Colonel Ian Lapraik was held at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, yesterday. The Very Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey officiated and gave an address. Sir Ian Gilmour, MP, read from the works of John Donne and St Thomas Aquinas, and Colonel Sir William Macpherson of Cluny read from the works of Robert Louis Stevenson.
Mrs Lapraik (widow), Miss Fiona Lapraik, Miss S Hamilton-Campbell, General Sir Robert Ford, Sir David Muirhead, Lady Macpherson of Cluny, Major H V Cubitt (representing the officers of 21 SAS Regiment), Mr K J Emmerson Bolt (representing the Master of the Glovers' Company), Mr Alec Trwalter (Levant Schooner Flotilla) with Mr Robert Ballantine and Mr Gordon Hogg, Mr Paul B Murphy (representing the president, Franco-British Association), Councillor B Curson (Chiltern District Council), Mr David Saltiss, Mr A I Mackenzie-Charrington, Mr David Sutherland, Colonel and Mrs J N McPhie, Major and Mrs Peter Bennett, Major J R Beckett, Mrs L Herron, Mr and Mrs John Browning, Mr Ian Raitt, Colonel P Tanner-Hill, Colonel John Woodhouse, Mr George Murray-Smith, Colonel and Mrs P Heart, Mr Neville Blair, Colonel and Mrs Ian Davies, Lieutenant-Colonel R Marriot, Dr Paul MacLoughlin, Colonel P Wilson, and Mr Robert Lloyd.

Dinners

Royal Society of St George
The City of London branch of the Royal Society of St George held a dinner and dance at the Porter Tun Room, Chiswell Street, last night to celebrate St George's Day. Mr Brian Boreham, accompanied by Mrs Boreham, was in the chair. Messages of greeting were received from the Queen and the Lord Mayor, branch patron. Dr John Rae, Headmaster of Westminster School, Mr Harold Gould, and Mrs Sara Jones also spoke. A bust of the late Colonel H. Jones, VC, by Mr Clifford Mancey, was presented to Colonel Edward Gardener, Parachute Regiment.

West Sussex Lieutenancy
The Vice-Lord-Lieutenant and the Deputy Lieutenants of West Sussex entertained Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk at dinner at Goodwood House yesterday to mark her 10 years as Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex.

Upholders' Company
The Upholders' Company held their annual installation dinner at the Fishmongers' Hall yesterday evening. Mr Sydney A. G. Rust was elected Master, Mr David Colover Senior Warden, Mr Gordon Procter Junior Warden, Mr J. C. F. B. Byllam-Barnes Treasurer and Mr R. C. H. Twyford Clerk. Mr A. P. Greenaway and Mr F. Steiner were the speakers.

Kodak Limited
Mr Roy Milner, Chairman and Managing Director of Kodak Limited, gave a dinner at the Savoy Hotel last night to celebrate the 70th birthday of Sir Charles Groves after a concert by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall. The guests included:
Sir Charles and Lady Groves, Mr and Mrs Yehudi Menuhin, Mr John Williams, Dame Margaret Weston, Mr W Richard Haines (Vice-President of Eastman Kodak Company) and Mrs Haines, Mr George Ward (Chairman of Grunwick Processing Laboratories Limited) and Mrs Ward and Mr John Davies (Joint General Manager of Lloyds Bank plc) and Mrs Davies.

Baxter Payne & Lepper
The Partners of Baxter Payne & Lepper of London, Bromley and Croydon gave a dinner yesterday at Skinners' Hall to mark the 225th anniversary of the foundation of the firm by Samuel Baxter. The speakers were Mr Donald Kirkham, Mr Geoffrey Dunn, and the senior partner, Mr John Thomas. The guests included the Mayor of Bromley, Sir Geraint Evans, Mr Colin Cowdrey, the Prime Warden of the Skinners' Company, Mr David Male, Master of the Chartered Surveyor's Company, and Judge David Griffiths.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Professor Alistair MacLeary presided last night at the annual dinner of the Planning and Development Division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors held at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly. Mr R. Steel proposed the toast to the division, Professor Macleary proposed to the guests and Mr A. Phillips replied on their behalf. The other principal guests were Mr G. I. Fuller, Mr S. P. Byrne, Mr A. B. Fallows, Mr H. S. Axton, Mr R. D. Jeffries, Mr J. Case and Mr R. C. Mabey.

Reception

To Mr D. Lane
The Society of Friends of the Holy Fathers and the Catholic Union of Great Britain gave a reception at Archbishop's House, Westminster, last night for Mr David Lane, newly appointed Ambassador to the Holy See. The guests were received by Mr Colin Edwards and Mr Kevin McDonnell.

Exhibition

Caxton '85 Exhibition
The Lord Mayor opened at Stationers' Hall yesterday the Caxton '85 exhibition, which has been arranged by the Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers in aid of its hall preservation fund.

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Science report

How a smile can change a mood

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

If people could learn to reproduce the facial expressions of pleasure and laughter when they were anxious or depressed, they might induce a more favourable change of mood.

The idea is proposed by Professor Robert Zajanc in an intriguiguing paper published in the current issue of *Science*.

Professor Zajanc, of the University of Michigan, United States, conjectures that the movement of facial muscles modifies the flow of blood through the brain and the brain temperature, thereby regulating the production and action of neurotransmitters (the brain's chemical messengers).

Part of his argument differentiates between voluntary and spontaneous facial expressions.

He says the social value of well-functioning voluntary expressive control is as important as spontaneous expression, as both are powerful communicators of internal states of mind and both influence the behaviour of others.

Inability to smile "sincerely" invites, throughout one's lifetime, social reactions that produce a different personality predisposition than the capacity to break into a "sparkling smile", he says.

However, the case being argued by Professor Zanjanc, in a long paper, is for overdue recognition of a theory proposed 80 years ago by a French physician called Dr Israel Waynbaum.

He was the first to suggest that it was by no means established that all facial expressions were caused by internal subjective states.

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Getting down to business: Today's school-leavers get a taste of what life in the outside world is like, learning how teams make decisions (left), while IBM can show how science overcomes problems (centre and right)

Why finding a job begins in the classroom

Twenty years ago, the only preparation a school-leaver received for a life of work was often a 20-minute chat in the headmaster's study on the last day of term. Careers education was barely given a thought.

Today, it has become a complex business involving every teacher, prospective employer and a growing number of full-time counsellors all the year round.

The boom has been of necessity. It has responded to the vast changes in the education system, to the changing economy, and more recently has been concerned with coping with, or avoiding unemployment.

In the early 1960s, unemployment among the under 20s stood at under 2 per cent, roughly that of the population as a whole. Grammar school teachers concentrated their efforts on placing pupils in higher education, the youth employment officer, who "poached" pupils for industry, was regarded with vague hostility, and in the universities, appointments officers guided graduates through the bazaar of employment opportunities.

With the advent of the comprehensive education system, careers education made a faltering start. There was a growing realization that education had to be more relevant to students' futures. Curricula began to reflect this and a career room was found a corner in every school, with a teacher giving out information and advice.

The Robbins report in 1963 heralded an enormous expansion in higher education. The Universities Central Council on Admissions (UCCA) was set up to help manage the choice between courses on offer as new universities were founded.

On an independent initiative, the Careers Research and Advisory Centre (CRAC) was founded to provided information for students to make a better choice of course.

In the mid-1960s, there was a growing trend, started in the United States, to encourage careers "counselling" – helping students to come to their own decision – rather than the old system where a teacher would give advice and suggest a career after assessing a pupil's attributes. Keele, Reading and Leeds Universities set up courses to teach the skills of counselling and the National Association of Careers Teachers was founded.

A growing number of students were encouraged to spend some time working in industry and commerce on embryo work experience schemes and in the early 1970s the Understanding British Industry Scheme was launched to improve the image of a career in industry among the young.

> Twenty years ago a school-leaver got a chat in the headmaster's study. Now careers education is far more complex

The raising of the school leaving age from 15 to 16 in 1972 brought increasing pressure from the Department of Education and Science for an improvement in the standard of careers guidance in schools.

But the mounting oil crisis had the dual effect of both stifling some of the initiatives being taken in this direction, because of government cuts on education spending, while at the same time making the need for guidance increasingly urgent.

The time was right for a major national initiative in the field of careers guidance. It was seized by CRAC, which in 1975, together with the Hatfield Polytechnic, founded the joint venture of the National Institute for Careers Guidance and Counselling (NICEC) with the dual function of research into career development and guidance and training for teachers and counsellors on careers education.

In the years 1972-77 unemployment among school-leavers had risen 120 per cent, compared with 45 per cent among the population as a whole. Now, only one-third of school-leavers find employment outside of the Government's Youth Training Schemes within six months of leaving school.

"An important part of NICEC's work in recent years has been to help youngsters think through the implications of unemployment and adopt creative responses to it," said NICEC's director Tony Watts.

There are an increasing number of private career guidance businesses today and a growing number of computer-aided career guidance services. The Department of Education and Science is inviting tenders at the moment for a sophisticated computer package in this field, which is seen as a major step forward in careers guidance.

Careers education today concerns every teacher, student, employer and a growing number of adults themselves made redundant and in need of re-education about changes to their working lives.

"Careers education of the future," said CRAC council member and veteran careers adviser Geoff Cooksey "will need a very delicate balance between the competence of the service and what the market dictates. There is no doubt it will concern everyone".

Christine Toomey

Games people play to get ready for life at work

Business games have become an integral part of careers education, helping young people to develop the sort of skill sought by employers.

"Gone is the old method of chalk and talk", explained David Blandford, director of the Careers Research and Advisory Centre, which has become increasingly involved in developing business games.

"Students today are expected to develop and use their knowledge in a wide range of subjects by taking an active part in business problems and decisions. Business games enable them to do this without the full risks of actually running a business."

The range of games now available varies from case studies to role playing. They can be simplified simultations – where students make notional decisions on price and production of a product resulting a different levels of sale – through to a scaled-down copy of a real business with real money, resources, products and, they hope, customers.



CRAC director David Blandford

The objective of the games varies likewise from simply encouraging a sense of teamwork – helping students to jointly organize their time and expertise – to forging a real link between industry and the classroom company visits and work experience schemes.

Business games originated as a training method for young managers at the Harvard Business School in the United States. They were developed on the basis that the real world of business had to be experienced first hand to be understood. The idea was then taken up at business schools around the world in the early 1960s.

It was the Swann report, published in the UK in 1968, which highlighted the chronic shortage of scientists, engineers and technologists going into industry, that first prompted CRAC to suggest the use of business games outside business schools – in secondary schools and higher education.

But, Mr Blandford explained, CRAC found most business games available at that time required a level of knowledge beyond the ability of school-children and undergraduates.

Over the past 10 years, therefore, with the co-operation of a number of large companies such as Tube Investments, BP, Metal Box and ICI, CRAC has developed a series of games aimed at students with a limited grasp of the business world. It has also helped prepare case studies on smaller businesses.

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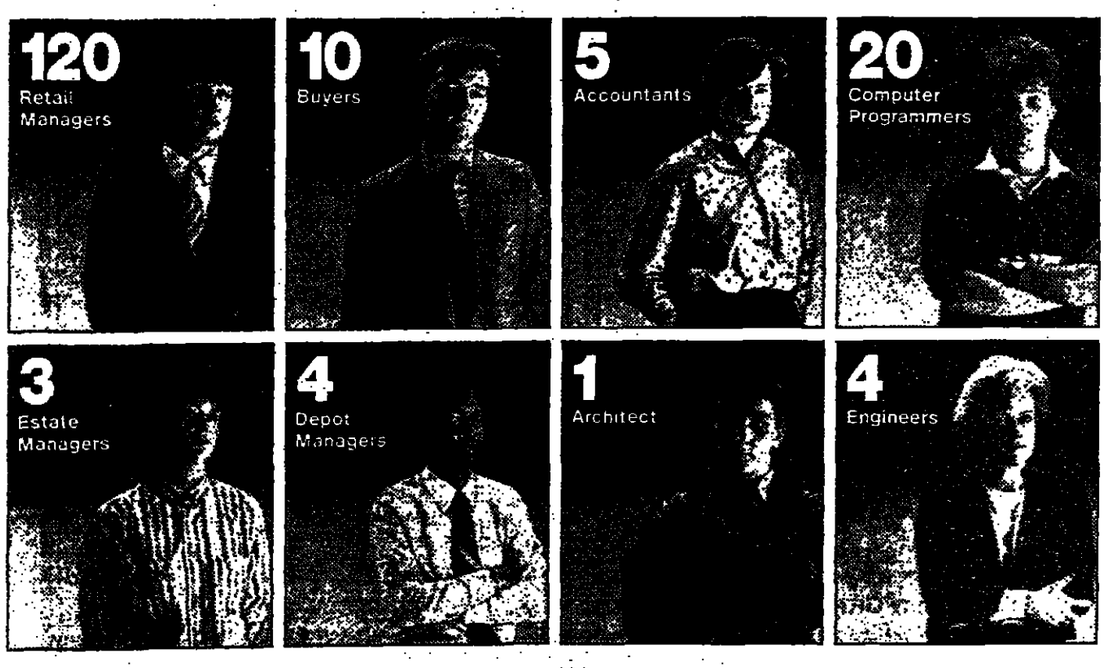
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The past decade has seen rapid and far-reaching changes in relationships between industry and education with the educational establishment giving an enthusiastic welcome to more company involvement in schools and universities.

Many companies have set up projects in schools and higher education with the main thrust in the technological area in an attempt to counter present and future technology skill shortages.

The format of industry's links with education ranges from local contacts between a school and a company through visits and exhibitions, to industry-sponsored courses for teachers and gifts or loans of sophisticated machinery.

Dr Brian Kington, education relations manager for IBM, spent two years on secondment with the Society of Education Officers and helped draw up a "key issues" paper which established guidelines for the development of links between industry and education.

Dr Kington said the aim was to make sense of the "scrambled" message that education gets from industry and to help and influence education. The result has been, at the very least, that technology and business studies are now considered serious subjects in schools and colleges.

IBM's contribution in the information technology area has been to set up projects with five local education authorities, putting 150 personal computers and software into schools. Each project uses the computers for different programmes so that there is a wide spread of experience and in addition to donating the equipment the company is pumping £200,000 into the project.

Peter Addis



Dr Brian Kington: Influencing education

Oil companies have been active for some time in working with schools and an innovative three-year programme in three education authorities which is sponsored by BP is getting off the ground. The aim in the Hertfordshire, Essex and West Glamorgan areas is to improve teaching skills in preparing children in the 11 to 16 years range for the "outside world" in three disciplines, economic literacy, technological capability or pre-vocational preparation.

At the end of the programme 25 schools will have gone through each discipline leading to a core of six teachers in each school forming a nucleus of better practice and teaching in preparing pupils for working life. The project has been jointly organised with Careers Research and Advisory Centres.

Shell has funded a project for sixth-form physics students to examine stresses on metal by using a computer programme which simulates the company's tanker fleet and in particular the stresses on propellers. The programme was developed at King's College, London, and is available to schools at £10 a pack, roughly half price.

Field trials have been held in about 20 schools as Shell and physics teachers try to give pupils a more practical application of the theories they are learning in the classroom.

David Felton

The plan to link every school with industry

"Thanks to Industry" is a slogan that will be heard a lot during the next 18 months as Industry Year 1986 tries to increase public awareness of the productive side of the economy.

As well as bringing industry's role into a publicity spotlight for 12 months and persuading industry itself to improve contacts with the community, a key aim of the year-long campaign is to expand links between education and industry.

It will focus on setting targets to link every secondary school and as many junior schools as possible with a local company by the end of 1986 to develop mutual understanding and concentrate on curriculum development. A second target is to stimulate the role of industry in all teacher training, a wish shared with the Department of Education and Science and thirdly it is hoped to increase the provision for in-service training of teachers by stepping up exchanges with companies.

Industry Year 1986 has been designated by the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA) and arose out of the series of discussions and consultantions held over the past decade at St George's House, Windsor, where a forum of academics, politicians and businessmen have been meeting to discuss the country's ills.

Sir Geoffrey Chandler, former director of the National Economic Development Office and director of Industry Year 1986, said: "Attitudes towards industry have changed little since the days when Jane Austen's Emma described Robert Martin as a mere vulgar farmer interested in nothing but profit and loss, though today farming, uniquely among industries, is benignly regarded."

He said it had become clear that what were defined as causes of the country's relative industrial decline were in fact symptoms. "They are symptoms of an inherited culture and of attitudes which put industrial activity at the bottom of the social pecking order and of an education which by ignoring and denigrating it, obscures the connection between quality life and industrial success," Sir Geoffrey said.

The campaign for Industry Year will include a media drive, exhibitions and public events, starting in September this year at a national level but much of the work will be done at regional and local levels.

One of the keys to the impact of the campaign, according to Diane McMahon, the deputy director, will be whether it has any long-term value and to this end the organizers are already discussing what kind of body needs to be in place to continue the work after 1986.

The campaign has the support of both sides of industry with unions and management working closely together at regional level and the Duke of Edinburgh, who is the RSA's patron, is expected to play a prominent role next year.

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Campaigning against the cuts

As academics prepare themselves for the outcome of the Government's long-promised Green Paper on higher education, some predict that the 1990s will be very different from today.

New private universities and colleges specializing in high technology will have opened their doors, and traditional educational institutions will have shifted their emphasis from research to teaching the skills demanded by commerce and industry.

It is not a prospect relished by those weaned on the Robbins principle that has dominated higher education since 1963 making it available to all who were qualified to pursue it.

"But the ethos of higher education is changing," said Dr David Harrison, vice-chancellor of Exeter University and chairman of the management committee of the Central Services Unit, which co-ordinates careers services in more than 80 universities, polytechnics and colleges of further education.

"Higher education is being forced to become more vocationally minded and, though there may be no dramatic closures of institutions over the next few years, the slow haemorrhaging of funds will have a far more insidious effect".

The 17 per cent reduction in government spending on higher education announced in 1981 and anticipation that grants will run at 2 per cent per year below inflation for the rest of the decade, have prompted a series of new initiatives among those hardest hit.

Salford University is a prime example of this, reacting to the largest single cut at any university of 44 per cent in 1981 by launching a high-powered marketing campaign, unrivalled in the UK, to attract investment from the private sector.

The Government is now considering a £190 million plan to turn part of the university due for demolition into an information technology institute funded partly by industry which would then "have direct involvement in determining the institute's academic programmes and management".

Jealously protecting academic freedom

Traditionally, universities have jealously protected their academic freedom. Their money has come through the buffer of the University Grants Committee, which advises but does not dictate how the money is spent.

But Salford's proposals are pure survival tactics coming hot on the heels of the Butcher report, compiled by the Department of Trade and Industry's skills shortages committee, which forecast a shortfall of 5,000 information technology students in three years' time and shortages in the engineering and computer sciences.

Cranfield Institute of Technology has recently merged four of its departments to form a new school of information technology, and the Government is known to be considering setting up a new, private university at Milton Keynes to solve this skill shortage.

Last month Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced that a total of £43 million was to be given to universities during the next three years to enable them to take 4,000 more engineering and technical students – the start of the shift the Government wants to see from arts subjects to sciences.

The university careers advisory services, which once had the task of helping graduates to decide between job offers, are increasingly occupied with tutoring students on how to pitch their skills at the job market.

In addition all institutes of higher education are being forced to be far more "management and efficiency" conscious.

Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, chairman of the University Grants Committee, has already warned universities that some departments will have to close in his controversial announcement that the UGC is to introduce a more selective system of grants based on the "worthiness" of a department's research.

As each institution struggles to find its feet in the increasingly competitive market place of higher education the one issue that seems to have the academic world united is admissions.

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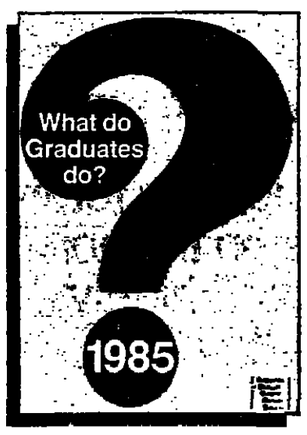
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Baroness Platt: 'Women have come a long way, but they still have a long way to go'

Some are more equal than others

Titillating court cases involving Junoesque waitresses fighting for the right to wear size 16 overalls have been widely regarded as side-shows in a campaign, already won, for equality in employment.

For it is often assumed that the Equal Pay and Sex Discrimination Acts of 1975, and the more recent Equal Pay Act, introduced in January 1984, would solve the problems encountered by women.

The reality is that women still earn just 74.2 per cent of the average male wage, 60 per cent of women workers are employed in just three occupational categories clerical, welfare and education, while in industry, the majority are employed in unskilled manual work - the very sector where significant redundancies are forecast.

"Women have come a long way", says the chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, Baroness Platt of Writtle. There is a 50 per cent female student membership of the British Medical Association and 14.4 per cent woman membership of the Institute of Bankers. "But they still have a long way to go", says the baroness.

The commission has come under fire in the past from those who felt that it needed stronger powers to penalize by law companies that could not prove they offered equal opportunities.

A new code of practice for employers, drawn up by the EOC and approved by the House of Commons this month, seeks both to educate employers about indirect discrimination and to suggest ways in which they can improve the prospects of their women employees.

But with a projected third fewer 18-year-olds coming on to the job market in 10 years' time, and the trend towards more highly qualified employment, a growing number of employers are realizing that they need to change their attitude toward recruiting young women, and need to encourage those they have already trained to return to work after a career break.

The clearing banks, National Westminster, Midland and Lloyds, have been among the first to introduce pilot re-entry schemes to help women bridge a career break by keeping them in touch with developments in new technology.

Other large firms, GEC, British Gas, Plessey, Thorn-EMI and Esso, have become increasingly involved in encouraging girls to join their workforce.

And a growing number of firms are becoming involved in the EOC's much publicized WISE project, Women into Science and Engineering, sponsoring an information bus which will be pulling into school playgrounds across the country again in the autumn.

Education remains a vital factor in the work of the EOC according to Baroness Platt. The number of girls passing A-level mathematics has risen by about 10 per cent during the past 10 years. But it is still only 27.4 per cent of that total, and the number of girls passing A-level computer science remains steady at around 20 per cent, even though job prospects for women and men are in the information technology field are expanding.

Now that one in the marriages ends in divorce and divorce law reforms are designed to remove the idea of marriage as a meal ticket for life, the idea that women do not need or will not benefit from education is fast becoming an anachronism.

At the higher education level, the EOC, industry and the Government have introduced a number of new courses to encourage women into the less traditional areas of employment. There are now 100 colleges of further education and polytechnics running courses in these subjects exclusively for women.

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The Eton scholar who worked as a builder's labourer

When Adrian Bridgewater left Eton to work on construction sites, he found himself in a state of shock, not simply because of the obviously different environment, but because he had never once in five years at his school heard any mention of the word "industry".

Two years later, when he resumed study, he found a similar lack of recognition at Cambridge University of the role of industry.

And that gave him the idea for the Careers Research and Advisory Centre, which he formed with a like-minded Cambridge student, Tony Watts. Twenty-one years later CRAC is still functioning as an independent body and educational charity, resting between the power blocs of industry and education, trying to promote better preparation of young people for adult and working life.

It has grown in size, with an annual turnover of nearly £750,000, and has spawned two offshoots, the Hobsons publishing house - of which Mr Bridgewater is managing director and which produces specialist educational publications, including all CRAC's literature - and the National Institute for Careers Education and Counselling.

NICEC, headed by Mr Watts, is a joint venture with Hatfield Polytechnic and is active in running courses and co-operating in projects with industry, which are designed to improve the quality of guidance and advice given in schools or higher education to people trying to make a decision about their careers. The body has played a strong role in the development of and guidance offered by the Youth Training Scheme.

David Blandford, CRAC's director, said the organization has set out to change the traditional view taken of careers advice that it was so unimportant that it could be left to the sports master to handle in his spare time. In its 21 years, that attitude has almost disappeared.

CRAC now focuses its attention in three related areas - careers education, technology and business - and claims to have made a lot of headway in changing careers from being the "runt of the educational litter" to a subject that is taken seriously in schools and colleges.

CRAC has a full-time staff of 20 but is seeking to increase the number of member companies so that higher subscription income will allow an expansion of its operations. At the moment about 120 companies, which are mainly the leading blue-chip businesses, pay between £400 and £600 a year but now a drive is being mounted to double membership and subscription income.

That income now accounts for about 10 per cent of CRAC's turnover and a doubling will provide a more secure base for an organization that has weathered several financial crises during its 21 years. The anniversary was celebrated with a dinner in the City last week.

About 40 per cent of CRAC's turnover is devoted to its Insight programmes, in which young managers are brought together with students to take part in problem-solving and role-playing so that, as the title of the programmes suggests, the pupils are given an insight into business and commerce. The programmes are mainly designed for sixth-formers and undergraduates and the three or four-day courses can be an "illuminating experience" for the managers as well.

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The advantages of a degree

"Myths and rumours about graduate employment are widespread and often dangerously inaccurate."

This was the reaction of Robert Porrer, chairman of the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services, to the gloomy picture of graduate employment prospects being painted after the release last summer of statistics on graduates of 1982.

Unemployment among graduates that year stood at 13 per cent, the worst for many years. The following year it fell to 11 per cent and there is optimism that it may be reduced this year to the 1980 figure of 8 per cent.

As Mr Porrer pointed out, in a recession graduates are the last to feel the effects of unemployment, and coming out of a recession they are the first to feel the benefits. "We are ending up with a smaller workforce but a greater proportion have to have higher skills", he said.

Overall job prospects for graduates have improved over the past year with business and administration students and those in electronics and computer sciences facing the least difficulty in finding work, according to the AGCAS's latest survey. The proportion of graduates entering banking and insurance has improved, and accountancy still recruits nearly 10 per cent of the UK's first degree graduates.

More than 30 per cent of vacancies for graduates are open to students from any discipline with "personality, ideas, manner, appearance and motivation", qualities the report stressed as becoming increasingly important in determining success in finding a job.

Keith Bell, student recruitment partner at Price Waterhouse and chairman of the Standing Conference of Employers of Graduates, emphasized that even the strictly scientific disciplines such as engineering are now placing more emphasis on such skills.

Despite the increased demand for graduates, however, the pattern and timing of recruitment is far more sporadic than in the past. The process of finding a job has become more protracted.

The Milk Round - that annual whirlwind tour of the national universities and polytechnics by recruiting employers on the lookout for the coming year's intake - has evolved. Since its introduction in the 1950s, from a safari where employers vied with each other for the best candidates, it has become now more of a tripwire to stop the wrong kind of candidate getting too far into the costly and elaborate selection process.

A growing number of graduates are now postponing their career decisions until after their final examinations, allowing them to concentrate on getting their degree. This has led to a growth in the number of summer recruitment fairs giving employers the opportunity to fill vacancies they either did not anticipate or were unable to fill earlier in the year.

There has been a marked increase in the degree of sponsorship of students, particularly at polytechnics and colleges of higher education, by many of the big firms.

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Training as an investment

The introduction to the Government's White Paper on education and training for young people, published last month, said: "Any young people leaving school today will not retire until the second third of the next century. If the present rate of change is maintained, they will be working in a world unimaginable to us."

A measure of the importance that the Government attaches to improving training and educational opportunities for the 14 to 18 age group, was the appearance of no fewer than three ministers at the launch of the paper, including Lord Young, who was taken into the Cabinet by the Prime Minister, as Minister without Portfolio, from the chairmanship of the Manpower Services Commission.

Lord Young has made clear his views on the country's need to catch up with training levels in European competitor countries. "We need to break down the artificial barriers between education and training so that the process is recognized as a continuum beginning in school and continuing throughout working life", he said.


Lord Young: 'We need to catch up'

"I believe there is a widespread recognition of the need for change and for a new framework within which all those concerned with developing and harnessing young people's abilities can play their part. Effective education and training is an investment in our future."

The White Paper identified three fields for action. A £25 million scheme for in-service teacher training, related to the Technical and Vocational Education Initiative (TVEI) is to be launched. TVEI, which is still operating only on pilot schemes, is designed to improve the technical education of pupils in schools and colleges.

The Cabinet has decided to devote extra resources, also, to the Youth Training Scheme: an extra £425 million is to be spent over the next three years on extending the scheme to a second year and guaranteeing a place for all 16- and 17-year-old unemployed school-leavers. About 400,000 places will be provided by YTS this year at a cost of about £800 million.

The third proposal in the White Paper was a joint review to be undertaken by the Manpower Services Commission and the Department of Education and Science of the structure of vocational qualifications. The review will take into account the interests of employers, local authorities and examining boards and will first concentrate on improving the system of qualifications to meet the needs of an expanded YTS.

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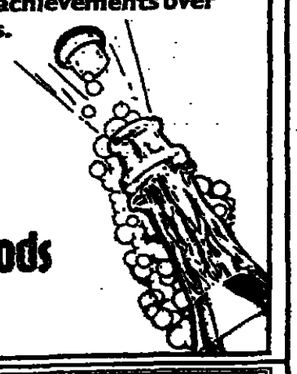
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3	SI	
4	Turner & Newall	
5	Spirax-Sarco	
6	Triplex	
7	Wagon Ind	
8	TI	
9	Utd Parcels	
10	Smith & Nephew	
	ELECTRICALS	
11	Brown Boveri Kent	
12	Volex	
13	Forward Tech	
14	STC	
15	Plucom	
16	Arlen Elec	
17	Lec Refrigeration	
18	Cray Elect	
19	Sound Diffusion	
20	Auto Sec	
	DRAPERY AND STORES	
21	Habitat Mothercare	
22	Empire Stores	
23	Helene of London	
24	Lee Cooper	
25	Combined English	
26	Beattie (James) 'A'	
27	Marks & Spencer	
28	Home Charm	
29	Fine Art Dev	
30	Bentalls	
	FOODS	
31	Iceland Frozen	
32	Tesco	
33	Meat Trade Supp	
34	Carrs Milling	
35	Needlers	
36	Assoc Fisheries	
37	Maynards	
38	Low (Wm)	
39	Park Foods	
40	Bluebird Conf	

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Weekly Dividend

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities fall again

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Begin, Monday. Dealings End, April 26. § Contango Day, April 29. Settlement Day, May 7.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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DAILY DIVIDEND £4,000

Claims required for +7 points

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BUILDING AND ROADS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
372	305	Gerrard Nat	357	-2	17.1	4.8	10.5
78	58	Gulnness Peat	72		2.2	3.1	17.2
183	148	Hembros	151		9.5	6.3	15.8
18	12½	Do (Old)	14		0.8	5.4	14.7
353	268	Hill Samuel	348		16.4	4.7	8.3
93	78	HK Shanghai	93				
213	203	Joseph (Leopold)	203		16.1	7.9	14.5
188	157	King & Shaxson	188		11.8	6.3	15.5
592	573	Kleinwort Benson	578		28.0	4.8	8.6
592	518	Lloyds	545		37.5	6.9	8.6
74	57	Lon Scot Fin	57		4.0	6.9	10.6
398	358	Morgan Grenf	358		16.0	4.4	10.5
503	409	Mercury Secs	503		16.4	3.2	9.0
374	332	Midland	364		34.4	10.3	9.5
370	315	Nat Aust Bk	368				
664	567	Nat West	592		38.5	6.1	8.1
90	69½	Ottoman	90		4.6	5.6	12.5
238	193	Provident	193		15.6	8.7	8.6
88	68	Rea Bros	88		1.5	2.5	20.2
118	101	Rothschild (J) Hld	103				
21½	15½	Royal Bnk Of Can	15½				
234	215	Royal Bnk Of Scot	232		12.1	5.1	10.4
318	278	Schroders	288		28.4	9.6	10.3
440	310	Secombe M	440		28.8	6.5	14.6
78	68	Smith St Aubyn	78		6.4	8.8	9.6
542	492	Stand Chart	542		40.7	8.1	10.2
788	688	Union	788		52.5	7.3	9.2
78	68	Wagon	78		4.8	6.2	10.4
91½	85½	Wells Fargo	1427				
280	240	Wintrust	280		6.4	2.5	17.3

BUILDING AND ROADS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
282	180	Aberdeen Constr	182		8.4	5.2	8.2
282	238	Amec	238		15.7	6.6	8.6
56	38	Arlcliffe	46		3.1	6.7	7.1
111	85	Ashwoods	104		5.9	4.6	35.5
288	238	BPB Industries	288		16.4	5.7	8.6
288	238	Blaggeridge Brick	244		16.4	6.7	8.6
94	84	Barratt Dev	78		10.9	14.0	5.1
34	26	Bailey(Eben) Constr	26		0.8	3.1	8.2
		Beazelwood					
138	113	Bellway	124		10.6	8.5	8.2
91	61	Bickford Concrete	61		5.4	8.4	37.5
88	65	Bett Bros	84		7.0	8.4	8.4
585	485	Blockleys	578		38.8	6.7	8.4
214	184	Bow Circle	214		12.7	5.9	8.4
184	145	Brecon&Cloud Hill	184		9.8	5.3	8.5
115	84	Brickhouse Dudley	115		5.8	5.0	14.5
73	58	Br Dredging	73		3.8	5.2	7.8
115	84	Brown&Jackson	115				
88	68	Brownlee	88		5.5	7.5	7.8
173	133	Bryan	173		9.1	5.3	8.5
158	145	Burnett & Hallam	158		12.5	7.9	8.2
155	145	Cakebread Robey	155		4.5	2.9	21.2
88	67	Carr (J) Doncaster	88		2.1	2.4	8.1
88	68	Cement-Roadstone	88		7.1	8.1	8.7
88	68	Conder Int	88		2.1	2.4	8.1
256	256	Costain	256		20.0	7.8	8.2
232	204	Countryside	232		7.2	3.1	8.7
88	68	Crouch (Gerald)	88		7.7	8.7	8.8
		Crouch Group					
		Dew (George)					
97	85	Douglas (Kirk)	78		6.1	10.7	6.9
45	45	Elkin	44		2.5	5.7	11.9
115	105	Feb	115		6.4	5.5	12.6
		Do 'A'					
24	24	Finlan (John)	24		1.2	5.0	4.9
129	117	French Kier	129		6.4	5.0	8.8
71	65	Galliford	65		4.1	6.3	10.1
115	105	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	115		6.4	5.6	38.7
215	215	Grayson (MJ)	215		11.7	5.4	11.9
111	85	HAT	90		4.9	5.5	8.8
28	24	Halkal Bar					4.9
114	94	Hawden-Stuart	94		5.2	5.5	8.5
114	101	Heywood Williams	114		6.4	5.6	8.5
281	241	Higgs & Hill	241		17.8	5.4	7.7
268	238	IDC	268		10.7	5.7	10.4
224	196	Ipswich Johnson	224		11.6	5.9	11.1
224	196	Lamb (J) & Sons	224		14.5	6.5	8.8
224	196	Laing (J)	224		7.9	3.5	8.8
		Do 'A'			7.9	3.5	8.8
218	186	Lawrence (Walter)	218		14.5	6.6	8.8
71	61	Lilley (FJC)	71		4.1	5.8	10.2
218	186	Lovell (Y.J)	218		14.5	6.6	8.8
224	196	Magnet & Southn	224		14.5	6.5	8.8
224	196	Manders	224		10.7	4.8	10.2
238	230	Marshalls (Halifax)	238		11.4	4.8	10.3
224	196	May & Hassell	224		14.5	6.5	8.8
224	196	McAlpine (Alfred)	224		14.5	6.5	8.8
118	118	Miller (Stanley)	118		7.5	6.4	8.8
115	115	Monk (A)	115				
212	188	Mowlem (John)	212		8.8	5.1	6.8
188	188	Norwest Hol	188		16.0	7.5	8.6
153	145	Nottingham Brick	153		7.1	4.7	14.3
695	695	Pearce (CH) Sons	695		45.3	13.4	14.4
128	128	Pickards Timber	128		8.8	6.9	8.9
188	188	Pochins	188		17.0	8.4	10.2
342	342	RMC	350		18.5	5.3	8.6
355	355	Redland	378		19.5	5.2	11.2
188	188	Roberts Adland	188		10.5	5.6	8.6
188	188	Rowlinson Bros	188		9.9	5.2	8.6
188	188	Ruberoid	206		11.7	5.7	15.1
122	122	Rugby Cement	124		6.8	5.7	8.6
88	88	Sabb	88		5.2	5.9	11.8
57	57	Sharpe & Fisher	57		3.2	5.6	11.7
57	57	Stuart (J)	57		3.2	5.6	11.7
354	354	Tarmac	354		26.0	8.8	11.9
134	134	Taylor Woodrow	134		21.4	15.9	10.1
118	118	Tilbury Group	120		8.9	5.7	10.2
225	225	Travis & Arnold	240		11.3	4.7	12.2
88	88	Trent	88		5.4	5.5	12.2
270	270	Tunnill	270		10.8	4.0	12.5
139	139	UBM	185		4.86	2.6	13.7
156	156	Viroplant	156		13.86	8.9	16.6
188	188	Ward	188		9.4	5.0	8.6
70	70	Warrington (T)	70		3.8	5.4	8.6
241	206	Watts Blake	241		7.0	2.9	16.1
78	68	Watson Bros					12.7
188	188	Wiggins	188				
97	97	Wilcon (Connelly)	97		4.3	4.4	8.8
165	97	Wimpey (George)	165		4.4	4.2	8.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
238	215	AECD N/V Bearer	238		400	16.1	
238	215	Allied Colloids	238		9.6	3.5	25.2
390	390	Amersham	390		7.6	2.3	20.1
171	171	Anchor Chemical	171		7.6	4.4	8.8
584	514	Arrow Chemical	578		28.0	4.8	8.8
155	155	Bayer DM50	155		700	12.5	
111	78	Blagdens	111		10.9	9.8	
184	184	Brent Chems	125		5.9	4.8	18.8
78	78	Br Benzol	78				
91	91	Br Tar Products	91		7.1	6.5	8.1
188	188	Canning (W)	188		9.6	5.1	14.5
		Coalite					
154	154	Coates Bros	157		7.5	4.8	10.5
		Do 'A'					
141	141	Cory (Horace)	141		7.1	5.0	8.8
		Crode					
		Do Ord					
344	344	Ellis & Everard	344				
188	188	Halstead (James)	188		9.6	5.1	14.5
		Hickson					
359	359	Hoechst DM50	359		18.0	5.0	8.8
788	788	Imp Chem Ind	788		42.9	5.5	7.8
238	238	Laporte	238		12.5	5.2	15.6
		Leigh					
212	212	Physic	212		4.1	1.9	18.5
178	178	Rentokil	178		3.6	1.7	24.6
111	111	SMA BPD	111				
102	102	Stewart Plastic	102		5.6	5.5	14.0
296	296	Wolstenholme Rink	296		11.1	3.7	14.0
72	62	Yorkshire Chem	72		2.5	3.5	12.0

CINEMAS AND TV

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
164	128	Anglia TV 'A'	138		11.4	8.2	9.3
145	125	Chrysalis	135		6.6	4.9	8.8
168	136	HTV N/V	135		10.7	7.9	8.8
88	118	LWT 'A'	118		7.5	6.4	8.8
		Scot TV 'A'					
88	118	TVS N/V	118		7.5	6.4	8.8
		TSW					

DRAPERY AND STORES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
448	358	ASK	448		19.4	3.4	8.8
168	168	Aquascutum 'A'	168				
104	104	Beattie (James) 'A'	104				
88	88	Bentalls	88				
		Bhs					
		Br Home Stores					
		Brown (N)					
88	88	Burton	88		5.2	5.9	11.7
		Clifford (A) &Sons					
		Clinton's 'A'					
		Clinton (S)					
		Combined English					
		Dixons (Furn) 'A'					
		Debenhams					
		Dewhirst (A)					
		Dixons					
		Dunn					
		Ellis & Goldstein					
		Elys (Wimbledon)					
		Empire Stores					
		Etam					
		Executive Clothes					
		Fine Art Dev					
		Ford (Sidney)					
		Fenwick					
		Foster Bros					
		Freemans					
		Galley (AJ)					
		Goldberg (A)					
		Gussacchis Op					
		Gussacchis					
		Greenfield Stacks					
		GUS					
		Do 'A'					
		Habitat Mothercare					
		Harris Queensway					
		Harvey Of London					
		Hepworth (J)					
		Hilton					
		Holmes					
		House Of Fraser					
		House Of Lerose					
		Jones (Ernest)					
		Ladies Pride					
		Lee Cooper					
		Liberty					
		Lincroft Kilgour					
		Marks & Spencer					
		Marshall (John)					
		Mayfair					
		Milletts Leisure					
		Moss Bros					
		NSS Newsagents					
		Oliver (G)					
		Owen Owen					
		Peters Stores					
		Prouty (Alfred)					
		Ratners (Jewellers)					
		Ryebeck					
		Reskdel					
		Reed (Austin)					
		Do 'A'					
		S & U Stores					
		Samuel (H)					
		Do 'A'					
		Sears					
		Selincourt					
		Simpson (S) 'A'					
		Smith (WH) 'A'					
		Do 'B'					
		Stanley (HG)					
		Stanley&Co					
		Sumrie Clothes					
		Superdrug Stores					
		Tara Consultants					
		Time Products					
		Vantona Viyella					
		WW Group					
		Ward White					
		Warley & Ellow					
		Wigfall (Henry)					
		Woolworth					

ELECTRICALS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
188	188	AB Elect	188		9.5	5.1	12.1
188	188	Amstrad	188		1.1	1.5	12.5
188	188	Arlen Elec					
188	188	Atlantic Comp					
188	188	Audio Fidelity					
188	188	Avdo Sec					
188	188	BSR					
188	188	Barthorpe					
188	188	Br Telecom 20p P	188		9.5	5.1	12.1
188	188	Brown Boveri Kent	188		9.5	5.1	12.1

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
31	24	Belgin (AF) 'A'	24		1.5	6.0	28.8
338	248	CABE	288		15.6	5.7	21.6
338	248	Cable & Wireless	315		16.5	5.8	21.5
338	248	Cambridge Elec	315		16.5	5.8	21.5
		Chloride					8.2
		.Do 7 ½% CPF					
188	188	Cray Elect	188				
188	188	Crystalate	188				
188	188	Data Elect	188				
131	131	Datasolve	131		1.5	1.2	8.2
		Dewhurst 'A'			1.1	5.3	24.5
78	78	Dowding & Mills	78		1.1	1.5	24.8
		Dubilier					
88	88	Electrocomponents	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Electronic Mach	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Electronic Rentals	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Emess Lighting	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Energy Serv	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Eurotherm	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Furnell Elect	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Ferranti	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
115	115	First Castle Elec	115		8.0	3.5	10.9
88	88	Forward Tech	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	GEC	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Gloucester	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Highland Elect	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Hi Signal & Control	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Jones& Stroud	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Kode	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Lec Refrigeration	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Logica	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	MK Elect	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Micrelec	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Micro BB	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Micro Focus	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Multihead	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Norcros Elec	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Murray Elect	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Newman	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Newmark (Louis)	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Reli	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Oceanics	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Oxford Instruments	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Pantron	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Philips Fin 5 ½%	£100½				
88	88	Philips Lamps N/V	£100½				
88	88	Pilco	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
		Do 'A' Ltd Voting					
88	88	Plessey	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
		Do ADR 25					
88	88	Premier	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Quest Automation	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Racal Elect	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Resource Tech	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Rotaflex	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Scicobs (EH)	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Shamrock	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Sound Diffusion	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	STC	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Sumlock	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	System Designers	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	TDK	£100½				
88	88	Telephone Rentals	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Thorn EMI	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Thorpe (FW)	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Translat Telecom	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	UEI	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Unitech	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Utd Leasing	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Utd Scientific	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	VG Instruments	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Volex	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Western Selection	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Wolsworth Elec	88		6.1	2.9	15.6
88	88	Wholesale Fitting	88		6.1	2.9	15.6

FINANCE AND LAND

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
334	288	Abingworth	288		1.8	0.6	
188	188	Abtech Hume	188		10.5	7.8	6.5
288	288	Bankside	288		16.0	5.5	8.8
131	131	Berisford Hldgs	131		6.9	5.2	8.8
188	188	Berkeley Tech	188				
221	221	Camellia	221		14.5	6.7	
201	201	Candover	201		2.9	1.4	36.5
89	89	Carrsgrove	89				8.8
188	188	Hambro	188		2.9	2.7	22.5
188	188	Ivory & Sime	188		2.9	2.7	24.5
188	188	Mallinhall	188		7.5	4.8	8.8
188	188	Park Place	188		7.5	4.8	8.8

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FOODS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
27	18	Alpine Drinks	26		2.5	9.6	9.6
238	238	Ampol	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Aff Food	238		7.6	3.1	10.8
238	238	Assoc Dairies	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Assoc Fisheries	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Avana	238		14.5	6.1	10.8
238	238	Banks (Sidney C)	200		12.1	6.1	8.8
238	238	Bardsley & Dobson	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
188	188	Barr (AG)	188		10.7	5.5	8.8
177	177	Bassett Foods	177		9.6	5.5	8.8
238	238	Bellamy Of York	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
177	177	Bellaty	177		9.6	5.5	8.8
238	238	Bluebird Conf	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Br Vending (BVI)	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Cadbury-Schweppe	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Clifford Dairies	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
		Do 'A'					
238	238	Cohens	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Coo	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Fisher(Albert)	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Fitch Lovell	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Glass Glover	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Global Gp	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Hazlewood Foods	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Hillards	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Hillsdown Hldgs	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Hovis Farm	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Iceland Frozen	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Kwik Save	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Lang Cecil A	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Lovell (CH)	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Matthews (Bernard)	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Maynards	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Meat Trade Supp	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Morrison (W)	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Nabisco Brands	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Needlers	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Normans	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Northern Foods	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Nurdin & Peacock	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Park Foods	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Ross	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Sainsbury (J)	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Somportex	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Tate & Lyle	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Tesco	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Unigate	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Utd Biscuits	238		7.6	3.2	10.8
238	238	Watson & Philip	238		7.6	3.2	10.8

HOTELS AND CATERERS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
288	275	Grand Met	288		13.1	4.6	8.4
288	288	Kennedy Brookes	288		16.0	5.5	8.8
288	241	Ladbroke	288		14.5	5.7	13.9
348	348	Lon Park Hotels	348		16.5	3.8	57.7
77	77	Mount Charlotte	77		1.7	1.5	17.3
97	94	Prince Of Wales	97½		2.1	2.2	12.4
		Queens Moat			1.9	3.3	14.3
138	138	Savoy Hotels 'A'	138		3.8	1.6	17.5
138	134	Trusthouse Forte	138		6.8	4.9	20.5

INDUSTRIALS A–D

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
155	118	AAH	148	-2	5.7	6.6	10.5
217	217	AGB Research	217		8.5	3.9	23.3
218	150	ASH	218		10.3	7.7	12.7
218	218	APV	218		8.5	3.9	12.4
		Abbeycrest					
		Ashtead					
		Alexandra W'wear					
		Applecare Int					
		Appledore					
		Applied Comp Tech					
		Arlington					
		Ash & Lacey					
		Ashley					
		Assoc Br Eng					
		Assoc Heat					
		Assoc Telecomm					
		Aurora					
		Do Pf Ord					
		Avon Rubber					
		Axminster Mead					
		BET					
		BET Old					
		BETEC					
		BTR					
		Babcock					
		Bailey (CH)					
		Bailey (Peter)					
		Baldwin Perkins					
		Banro Ins					
		Barlow					
		Barratt					
		Barton					
		Barrow Hepburn					
		Barton Transport					
		Bastion (Charles)					
		Bastion Castle					
		Bastord					
		Bastion Comm'ns					
		Berkshire					
		Berisford (SW)					
		Bespaq					
		Bestobell					
		Bevan

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

TSB chief to suggest a Lords compromise

Sir John Read is off to the House of Lords this morning for a meeting which could prove crucial in deciding whether the flotation of the TSB Group planned for late this year or early next goes ahead in accordance with the original timetable.

He will present a package of proposals to Lord Taylor of Gryffe, the Social Democrat peer, and several other peers who supported last week's amendment to exclude the Scottish TSB from the TSB Bill. The concern of the Lords who backed the amendment, which makes a nonsense of the Bill, is that control of the highly successfl TSB Scotland will inevitably gravitate towards London. They see it as yet another example of Scotlands control over its own economic destiny slipping South. They also appear to be worried about the implications for employment and level of activity carried out by the Scottish TSB.

Sir John Read will suggest formalizing some of the arrangements already arrived at whereby TSB Scotland, which will of course remain a separate bank, will continue to run its day-to-day banking business. This would involve writing into the legislation some of the internal agreements covering the relationship between TSB Scotland and the central TSB.

There may also be some new proposals dealing with the composition of the TSB Scotland board. Sir John will be at pains to stress that the central board will not have power to appoint members to the Scottish board against the wishes of TSB Scotland. In his letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John said that individual bank boards would be "appointed by the main board of TSB Group plc". His phraseology was unfortunate. While the central board will have to approve board members, it will be up to the board of TSB Scotland to nominate directors.

"There must be some decentralization of the TSB and it must be included in the legislation, not the company's rules which can be changed," Lord Taylor said on Monday, which suggests that, at the very least, something will have to be written into the Bill to satisfy him and those who think like him.

Much of the argument centres around the question of how much o the TSB's expensively developed back-up services, like money transfer and credit cards, can be shared with an independent TSB Scotland. Last week Sir John suggested that if the Scottish bank did not remain part of the main group it would have to build up new services for itself. Lord Taylor insists that there is no reason why it could not continue to share the existing TSB system even if TSB Scotland was a separate bank.

Whether the proposals Sir John and his colleagues have put together are sufficient to satisfy Scotish sensibilities should become clearer after today. If they do not, it is hard to see what happens next. TSB Group, TSB Scotland and the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union, representing 98 per cent of the Scotish employees, are all against the amendment to exclude TSB Scotland from the flotation.

MPs will hear of protection anxieties

Today's debate in the Commons on the White Paper on investor-protection is likely to continue a common theme of outside commentators that the proposals are welcome in principle, but in detail need amendment. The two latest missives from the Chartered Accountancy Bodies and the British Insurance Brokers' Association applaud the general thrust of a regulatory system to protect investors, but raise doubts over some of the grey areas, which need clarification.

One area of key concern for the BIBA is commissions. The requirement for disclosure, the BIBA believes, could be misleading since it might encourage consumers to judge an insurance policy on the level of commission rather than the quality and conditions of the contract. There is also a worry about the distinction which is made between tied and intermediary agents.

The White Paper proposes that tied agents should not have to disclose the indirect payments and benefits in kind they receive from their principal nor the commissions they get. Insurance brokers must disclose both, putting them at a competitive disadvantage and restricting the consumer's access to independent advice, the BIBA argues.

The accountants – on the surface much less affected by the White Paper – are becoming much more closely involved in the financial services market not just as auditors but even more as professional advisers. The English and Welsh, Scottish and Irish institutes maintain that there must be a careful balance struck to ensure that the new system is not over burdened by regulation.

They argue for just one single regulatory board, a role for the Take-over Panel and the avoidance of grey areas. In particular, they suggest a clear definition of what constiutes investment "done as a business". Their main concern is hat having produced proposals which in principle look very appealing, the legislators might then run amok with drafting which is either too loosely drawn or too prohibitive to encourage a flourishing financial services sector. Over-regulation would simply drive the investment business offshore.

Scramble to raise cash on market

The sight of three more companies applying to have their shares quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market yesterday focussed attention on the apparent scramble to raise money on the London stock market. Last year the amount of money raised in this way increased from £7.5 billion to £10 billion. In the first quarter of this year the figure waa £1.45 billion, more than double the total for the first three months of last year.

Part of the reason for this frenetic activity lies in sheer practicality. It is no coincidence that two out of yesterday's three newcomers, Clayform Properties and The Moorgate Group, have accounting years ending on December 31. The third, Wyko Group, has an April 30 yearend but has been able to prepare interim and management accounts for the period to January 31. Profit forecasts can be prepared with greater confidence when all those concerned in preparing the prospectus have a good idea of the company's performance in the latest financial year. Few are strong or brave enough to go public without a forecast.

In fact, the bulk of the money raised so far this year – in the region of £1 billion – has flowed from calls by companies already quoted on the market who are asking their shareholders for more cash through rights issues of new shares. There is an obvious logic to this, for those businesses whose standing is high enough to be able to face their shareholders without too much of a blush.

Despite the reduction in interest rates and the accompanying rise in inflation, borrowers are still paying real interest rates of more than 6 per cent per annum. In those circumstances there are attractions in creating new equity on which the charge to the company in terms of the dividend yield may be a third of bank lending rates and less than inflation, at 6.1 per cent.

Yet it is hard to resist the feeling that all creators of new equity, whether through rights issues or as market debutants, are being given an extra sense of urgency by the growing chorus of advice from brokers and bankers that the stock market is showing all the signs of bumping hard against the ceiling of the bull market. If that is the case, then it is all the more imperative for a private company to make the leap to public status before investor's appetites wane.

Investors should be on their guard against companies (not the latest trio) which are cashing in on the end of the boom.

Intasun to buy Global for £5m and challenge holiday leader

By Derek Harris Commercial Editor

Mr Harry Goodman's expansionist Intasun Leisure is buying from Great Universal Stores, the retailing group, its Global Holidays package tours operation including two Spanish hotels, in a deal believed to be worth more than £5 million.

After November 1 when the deal will be operative it could mean Intasun will threaten Thomson Holidays as British market leader. Little appears to separate the two in this summer's market, which is lagging by a quarter or more on bookings compared with this time last year.

Thomson has trimmed its Britannia airline operation because of the market fall, but Intasun, with flexible air charter deals may be better able to mop up late bookings.

The Global deal takes Intasun substantially into coach holidays in which it has only a small operation. This is a sector dominated by Cosmos and Global.



Harry Goodman: deal includes hotels

Another draw for Intasun is Global's substantial business in tourists attracted from Commonwealth countries, particularly Australia, and from South Africa.

This kind of tourism, a new sector for Intasun, could dovetail with Intasun's clear ambition to build a British-based hotels chain.

Global has a well developed programme for the over-55s. It has been carrying throughout all the Global operations 200,000 holidaymakers a year, about a quarter by coach and the rest by air. Global will push Intasun's total annual carryings to a claimed 1.4 million which was last year's Thomson level.

But Thomson's other operations like Portland Holidays and in the United States, will still leave it the bigger holiday company overall with tourist carryings of about 1.8 million.

Although Global sold more holidays last year it probably contributed little if any profit to GUS because margins throughout the industry were tight. Global is among the top half dozen British package holiday operations, but it has remained a medium-sized operator since GUS bought it in 1971.

Global began nearly 40 years ago in premises near London's Liverpool Street Station.

It is medium-sized operators which have been coming under the most pressure in the package holidays business, as the biggest like Thomson and Intasun have prospered through volume and the smaller operators largely through specialization.

GUS said yesterday: "Global was a peripheral activity and because of the comparatively small number of its air holidays and the changing scene of the holiday trade was unable to compete effectively with the major tour companies."

It had been seeking a merger for a number of months which would preserve Global as a separate entity with security for the staff. Intasun met those requirements, GUS said.

Global's two Spanish hotels are in Majorca, the Palma Nova and the Lancaster. Their value probably represents a substantial part of the purchase price of Global.

Intasun Leisure shares ended the day 2p up at 120p.

Fast-paying service for exports

By John Lawless

A new company which provides almost instant payment for exports was launched yesterday.

The Export Finance Company (Exfinco), which is claimed to be the first organization of its kind, also offers exporters risk-free dealing in foreign currencies.

The company started business with funds of £100 million.

Two of its four shareholders are British – Legal and General Assurance and Electra Investment Trust.

The chairman of Exfinco, who is Mr Claude Hankes-Drielsma – also chairman of the management committee of Price Waterhouse and Partners – said the new company will provide exporters with faster payment for thair foreign sales, than for domestic sales.

He said: "It is an important first in world terms.

Companies can expect to have payment in their bank account within two to three days of their goods leaving the factory.

Mr Hankes-Drielsmo said that the cost to exporters will be no more than financing sales on overdraft – which are used to fund 80 per cent of existing short-term sales by exporters.

To qualify, companies must hold a short-term comprehensive insurance guarantee issued by the Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD).

Exfinco converts the foreign currency value of the invoices presented to it into sterling at spot rates and then pays the British exporters.

It will also pay them in several foreign currencies

The other major shareholders in Exfinco are the Bahrein-based Arab Banking Corporation, and the Far East financial services conglomerate, First Pacific Holdings.

Management shake-up at Lloyds Bank

By Peter Wilson-Smith Banking Correspondent

Lloyds Bank is reorganizing its top management structure with the creation of five operating divisions in preparation for the merger of its domestic operations with Lloyds Bank International.

The main operating divisions will report directly to Mr Brian Pitman, group chief executive, and his deputy, Mr Fred Crawley.

The divisions will be UK retail banking, headed by Mr John Dawson; international banking, under Mr Len Kingshott; corporate banking, under Mr Robert Medlam; and merchant banking, headed by Mr Robert Owen. Mr Alan Moore will head the fifth division, treasury.

● Lloyds will become the first clearing bank to offer a comprehensive banking and securities management service when it launches its new Asset Management Service on April 30.

Stockley buys 22.4% of Stock Conversion

By Patience Wheatcroft

The auction for nearly a quarter stake in one of Britain's biggest property companies, The Stock Conversion and Investment Trust, has been won by Stockley, a company founded less than 18 months ago.

The deal values Stock Conversion at nearly £300 million and the shares of the company at around 550p against 493p on Monday night. A separate deal with J. Rothschild Holdings will lift Stockley's holding to 26.5 per cent.

The Stock Conversion board is not enthusiastic about its new shareholder and has pointed out that Stockley does not yet have a proven track record. Mr Peter Levy, who joinned the board last month, says that his father, the company's co-founder, Mr Joe Levy, is "very unhappy" about the deal. The Levy family has 10 per cent.

Stockley has bought the 22.4 per cent stake which belonged to the family of Mr Robert Clark. Mr Levy's partner, who died last year.

In January 1984, Stockley had a market capitalization of just £5 million. After this transaction it will have leapt to almost £200 million, and have catapulted to number six in the league of property companies.

Stockley is issuing 44½ million new shares and nearly £38 million of unsecured loan notes to buy the Clark stake. The loan notes, supported by a Barclays Bank guarantee, have a 5 per cent coupon and will be redeemable after 14 months with £38 million loaned by J. Rothshild Holdings.

Stockley's chief executive, said Stockley would not contemplate any offer for Stock Conversion for at least six months.

Stock Conversion's assets will be under the spotlight now, with the board considering a revaluation for its defence. Mr John Ritblat, of British Land, will also be watching with interest and he could be expected to try and buy the remaining half of the Euston Centre in London, using either Stock Conversion or Stockley as allies.

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Opec seeks UK help

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Orgainzation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) will seek the co-operation of Britain and Norway in keeping world oil demand and prices stable.

Opec agreed in Geneva yesterday that its present 16 million barrel a day quota system should remain in force and be policed actively by its new monitoring sub-committee, while at the same time accepting that several member states are now in breach of their quotas.

The next full ministerial meeting in Geneva, on July 22, will be used to try to find a way of agreeing a production control system with the leading non-Opec producers.

The world's two largest producers, the Soviet Union and the United States, will not be involved, but Opec will ask that Britain, the world's fifth largest oil producer, and Norway should do nothing to affect the stable situation in the oil market.

Mexico, as the world's fourth largest producer, already follows Opec policies although it is not a member, and Egypt, which yesterday announced a price cut, is being asked to return to its previous policy

Bank aid for Burnett & Hallamshire

By Alison Eadie

Burnett & Hallamshire, the open-cast mining and property group badly affected by the miners' strike and by property problems in California, has secured an interim standby facility from its bankers.

It warned yesterday that significant provisions and write-downs will be required in the accounts for the year to March 31, 1985. The accounts are also likely to be delayed.

The banking facility will last while the accountants Price Waterhouse carry out a review of the company. No further announcements are expected before June.

Meantime, Burnett has agreed to sell its distribution business, UK Petroleum Products, to Powell Duffryn for £10.3 million in cash. The proceeds will go towards reducing group borrowings. UKPP made taxable profits of £500,000 in the year to end March 1984, but its 1984 to 1985 results are expected to reflect improved efficiencies and a large volume increase as a result of the miners' strike.

In a progress report on the group's problems, Burnett said that additional provisions would be needed against contracts in Iraq, where the group's construction company JMJ Contractors is involved. Progress in reducing the number of properties being developed in California had not yet been achieved, the company said. Total divestment was now the objective, which would result in book losses.

Mr Thomas Carlile, a non-executive director of Burnett since March 1984 has been appointed deputy chairman to assist the chairman and chief executive, Mr Eric Grayson, in the group's reorganization.

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IN BRIEF

Pound falls 2.5 cents

The dollar shrugged off new evidence of a slowdown in the American economy gaining 2.5 cents against the pound and six pfennigs against the Mark. Durable goods orders fell 2.3 per cent in March, after a 2.5 drop in February. The financial markets had been expecting a small rise in orders in March. However, the news only slightly knocked the dollar slightly.

The pound closed at $1.2540, compared with $1.2792 on Monday, for a loss this week of more than four cents. The dollar closed at 3.0690 against the mark, compared with DM3.0110. Later in New York, it reached DM3.08.

The pound was steady against all leading currencies except the dollar. The 0.5 point fall in the sterling index, to 78.8, entirely reflected the dollar's rebound.

Pan Am sells Pacific routes

Pan American World Airways has agreed to sell its Pacific routes to United Airlines in a $750 million (£590 million) agreement. It gives United the international routes it has sought for more tham 20 years and provides Pan Am with a badly needed infusion of cash.

Kwik-Fit higher

Kwik-Fit (Tyres and Exhausts) recovered well from a poor first half, to earn pretax profits of £4.2 million, against £4.1 million, last year. Sales were up from £55 million to £61 million and the dividend rises by 10 per cent to 1.7254p a share.

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Moss Bros up

Moss Bros, clothes retailer and formal-wear hire company, made record pre-tax profits of £1.02 million in 1984-5, a rise of 57 per cent on turnover up 8 per cent. The dividend was raised 25 per cent on the adjusted capital, to 5p net total.

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Sir Eric Yarrow, chairman of Yarrow, the Clydeside company whose warship yard was nationalized in 1977, is giving up the chairmanship. Sir Eric, aged 65, will be succeeded by Mr J. E. Boyd but continue as president for two years.

Peking deal

Philips, the Anglo-Dutch electronics group, has signed an agreement with Peking Radio and Television Corporation and the Chinese government for a joint operation to build an audio equipment factory in Peking.

VAT

In yesterday's editions, we wrote that financial advertising would be free of VAT until the end of this year, as long as it was booked before May 1. Customs and Excise has told us that this is unsufficient: the advertisements also have to be paid for before May 1.

Boost for OECD campaign

By Ian Griffiths

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development has stepped up its campaign to improve standards of financial reporting, particularly by multinational companies. An international forum, organized by the OECD, opened in Paris yesterday to discuss the harmonization of accounting standards.

The forum brings together representatives of governments, trade unions, standards setters, accounts preparers and users and is designed to highlight the need for increased comparability in company accounts and to indentify specific problem areas.

The OECD set up a working group on accounting standards in 1979 to examine ways of reducing the wide variations of national standards. A set of guidelines for accounts preparation was published in 1983 but it is felt that these need further amplification and clarification.

Yesterday the forum examined the interests and needs of preparers and users of accounts and the main approaches to setting of standards.

Fall in food spending

The level of consumer spending in the first quarter was unchanged, according to official figures yesterday, writes David Smith, Our Economics Correspondent. Lower spending on food was offset by a big increase in energy expenditure because of the exceptionally cold weather in January and February.

Consumer spending, in 1980 prices, was unchanged on the fourth quarter level, but 1.7 per cent up compared with the first quarter of last year.

MARKET SUMMARY

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FT AR Share .....619.05 (–5.18)
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New York
Dow Jones .....1,266.67 (+0.11)
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow .....12,124.14 (+55.78)
Hong Kong:
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Amsterdam: .....206.4 (–0.8)
Sydney: AO .....859.9 (+11.4)
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Zurich:
SKA General .....341.30 (+1.2)

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Allis Chalmers	6⅝	6⅞
Alcoa	32⅞	33⅛
Amax, Inc	17½	17⅞
Amerada Hess	30¾	30⅛
Am Brands	67¼	67⅞
Am Broadcast	105⅞	105½
Am Can	53⅜	53⅝
Am Cyanamid	33⅞	33⅛
Am Elec Power	21⅝	21⅝
Am Express	42⅝	41⅞
Am Home	61½	61⅛
Am Motors	3⅛	3⅛
Am Nat Res	84¼	84⅛
Am Standard	28½	28⅝
Am Telephone	21¼	21⅛
Armco Steel	7⅛	7⅛
Asarco	24⅞	24⅝
Ashland Oil	30¾	30⅝
Atlntic Richfield	49⅝	49⅛
Avon Products	21¼	21
Bankers Tst NY	66⅞	66
BankAmerica	19⅝	19½
Bank of Boston	47¼	47⅜
Bank of NY	42⅝	41⅞
Beatrice Foods	30¾	30½
Bethlehem Steel	17¼	17⅛
Boeing	62	62½
Boise Cascade	41	41⅞
Borden	99¾	97⅞
Borg Warner	31⅝	31⅝
Bristol Myers	57⅝	56¾
BP	27⅜	28½
Burlington Ind	25⅜	25⅛
Burlington Nthn	51⅝	51½
Burroughs	59⅜	60
Campbell Soup	67⅛	67⅞
Canadian Pacific	43⅝	44¼
Caterpillar	32⅝	32½
Celanese	90⅝	91
Central Soya	24	24
Champion	21⅝	21½
Chase Manhat	54⅛	54⅝
Chem Bank NY	40¾	40⅝
Chevron	35⅞	35
Chrysler	37⅛	37
Citicorp	45⅞	45½
Clark Equip	29¾	29⅛
Coca Cola	71⅛	71½
Colgate	25⅛	25⅛
CBS	110	107½
Columbia Gas	28	27⅝
Combustion Eng	32⅜	32⅛
Comwlth Edison	30	30
Cons Edison	33	33
Cons Power	8¾	8¾
Control Data	28⅝	28½
Corning Glass	35⅞	35¾
CPC Intl	42	42
Crane	34	34½
Crocker Int	26	25⅛
Crown Zeller	41½	41½
Dart & Kraft	92⅛	92⅝
Deere	27⅝	28½
Delta Air	41⅞	41½
Detroit Edison	16⅝	16⅝
Digital Equip	100	104½
Disney	78⅝	79⅛
Dow Chemical	29	28½
Dresser Ind	20⅝	20⅛
Duke Power	30⅝	30½
Du Pont	56⅞	56½
Eastern Air	7⅝	7½
Eastman Kodak	65	65½
Eaton Corp	51⅞	52
Emerson Elect	71⅞	72
Evans Prod	21⅜	21⅜
Exxon Corp	52⅝	53⅛
Fed Dept Stores	57⅝	58
Firestone	19¼	19½
Fst Chicago	24½	24½
Fst Interst Bncp	48⅝	48½
Fst Penn Corp	7⅝	7⅝
Ford	43⅞	43½
GAF Corp	32	31⅝
GTE Corp	40	40½
Gen Corp	45¼	46
Gen Dynamics	69	67⅞
Gen Electric	59⅝	59⅜
Gen Foods	63½	63
Gen Mills	56½	56
Gen Motors	71	70⅝
Gen Pub Util NY	12½	12½
Genesco	5⅜	5½
Georgia Pacific	23	23½
Gillette	60⅝	60½
Goodrich	31½	31½
Goodyear	26⅞	26⅝
Gould Inc	21⅝	22
Grace	40¾	40⅝
Gt Atlnt & Pacific	16¾	16½
Greyhound	26⅝	26½
Grumman Corp	28	25⅞
Gulf & West	38½	38
Heinz H. J.	47½	47⅜
Hercules	33⅝	33⅝
Honeywell	58½	57½
IC Inds	32⅝	33½
Ingersoll	47⅜	46⅝
Inland Steel	22⅝	22½
IBM	127⅞	127⅝
Int Harvester	8⅝	8⅛
INCO	13⅝	14
Int Paper	49⅝	50
Int Tel Tel	33⅝	33⅞
Irving Bank	38	37
Jim Walter	32½	32½
Johnson & John	41⅝	41½
Kaiser Alumin	14⅝	14⅜
Kerr McGee	29⅝	29¾
Kimberly Clark	51⅜	52
K Mart	24	24½
Kroger	42⅝	42⅝
L.T.V. Corp	10⅝	10⅛
Litton	70⅝	69⅞
Lockheed	48	48½
Lucky Stores	18⅝	18⅝
Manuf Hanover	38⅛	38
Manville Cp	7⅝	7⅛
Mapco	32⅝	32½
Marine Midland	34¼	35
Martin Marietta	52⅝	52⅝
McDonnell	76⅞	77⅞
Mead	36	39¾
Merck	102⅝	103½
Minnesota Mng	79⅝	79
Mobil Oil	29⅝	29⅝
Monsanto	44½	44
Morgan J. P.	49⅝	49
Motorola	32	32⅝
NCR Corp	27½	26½
NL Industries	11⅝	11⅞
Nabisco	58⅝	58½
Nat Distillers	29⅛	29⅞
Nat Med Ent	27	27⅝
Norfolk South	65	65½
NW Bancorp	26½	26½
Occidental Pet	29½	29⅝
Ogden	31⅝	31
Olin Corp	31	30½
Owens-Illinois	45	44⅞
Pacific Gas Elec	18	18⅛
Pan Am	5⅜	5⅛
Penney J. C.	46½	45⅞
Pennzoil	49½	48⅞
Pepsico	51⅞	51⅛
Pfizer	44⅝	44½
Phelps Dodge	19⅝	20½
Philip Morris	91½	90⅞
Phillips Petrol	40⅛	40¼
Polaroid	22⅝	20
PPG Ind	35½	35½
Procter Gamble	52⅝	52⅝
Pub Ser El & Gas	28⅝	28⅝
Raytheon	45⅞	45⅞
RCA Corp	43½	43½
Reynolds Ind	62⅜	62⅝
Reynolds Metal	34	33⅞
Rockwell Int	34½	34½
Royal Dutch	59	60½
Safeways	31⅞	32
Sara Lee	36⅞	37½
SFE Sopac	25½	26
SGM	46⅛	46⅝
Schlumberger	40⅞	39½
Scott Paper	37⅜	37⅝
Seagram	42½	41⅞
Sears Roebuck	32⅝	32½
Shell Oil	59½	59½
Shell Trans	37⅞	38
Signal Co	36⅝	36½
Singer	37⅞	36⅜
Smithkline Beck	62⅝	62⅝
Sony	16⅞	17¼
Sth Cal Edison	25⅞	25½
Sperry Corp	50	49⅛
Std Oil Indiana	61½	62
Std Oil Ohio	47¼	46⅞
Sterling Drug	30⅞	31½
Stevens J. P.	16⅛	16⅛
Sun Comp	50½	50¾
Teledyne	244½	248½
Tenneco	43¼	43½
Texaco	38⅝	38½
Texas East Corp	32½	31⅞
Texas Inst	91⅛	92½
Texas Utilities	28⅞	29
Textron	44	43⅝
TWA	32½	33½
Travelers Corp	40⅞	41½
TRW Inc	73	73⅞
UAL Inc	42⅝	41⅞
Union Carbide	38⅝	38¾
Unocal	46½	47⅛
Un Pacific Corp	45⅞	46½
Unisys	13⅝	20⅞
United Brands	13¼	13⅞
US Steel	26⅞	26½
Utd Technol	38⅝	38⅝
Wachovia	35⅝	35½
Warner Lambert	39⅝	39⅝
Wells Fargo	55⅝	55½
Westinghse Elec	29⅝	30½
Weyerhauser	28⅝	28⅞
Whirlpool	43⅝	44¼
Woolworth	43¾	43½
Xerox Corp	46½	45⅝
Zenith	21½	21½

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	53¼	53⅝
Alcan Alumin	33⅝	33⅝
Algoma Steel	23⅞	23⅝
Bell Telephone	38⅞	38½
Can Pacific	56⅝	56⅝
Cominco	14⅞	14½
Cons Bathurst	18½	18½
Gulf Oil	19⅝	19⅝
Hawker/Sid Can	19⅜	20½
Hudson Bay Min	7⅝	8¼
Imasco	27½	27½
Imperial Oil	54½	54½
Inc Pipe	36	36
Mass.-Ferguson	2.84	2.84
Royal Trustco	21	21½
Seagram	57¾	56½
Steel Co	20½	20½
Thomson N 'A'	55⅝	55½
Weston Hiram	30½	30½
WCT	15¾	15½

● Ex div. a Asked. d Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Prices slip at start

New York (Agencies) – Wall Street shares fell slightly in early trading yesterday, with a stream of disappointing earnings reports curbing the appetities of investors.

Some investors may have been deterred by a report that consumer prices increased 0.5 per cent last month.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 0.44 points at 1,266.12 on a turnover of 8.68 million shares. Declining issues led advances by a five to four margin.

Unocal led the active issues, up 1⅜ to 49⅜. The company said it will go ahead with its plan to purchase 50 million of its own shares. Exxon was down ⅝ to 52½.

Technology shares, battered by weak earnings reports from International Business Machines, Texas Instruments, Wang Laboratories and Digital Equipment, were mostly lower again after Data General's announcement that its first-quarter profit fell to 34 cents a share from 55 cents.

IBM, which reported its results several weeks ago was up ½ at 128, but Digital fell ¾ to 99¼; Data General fell 2⅝ to 38⅝; Texas Instruments fell 7½ to 90¾ and Wang class "B" in Amex trading fell ⅞ to 16⅛. Motorola was down ⅞ at 31⅜.

Despite the weak technology sector, Ralph Bloch of Moseley Hallgarten Estabrook & Weeden remained optimistic, largely because interest rates were declining and stocks historically performed well when rates drop.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER

May	705–680
Jun	715–680
Jly	725–710
Aug	735–710
Sep	746–720
Oct	755–730
Nov	765–740
Dec	775–750
Jan	unquoted
July/Sept	735–710
Oct/Dec	765–740
Jan/Mar	unquoted
Vol	nil

SUGAR

May	98.9–96.8
Aug	105.8–05.4
Oct	109.4–09.2
Dec	117.0–15.8
Mar	127.8–27.0
May	133.4–33.0
Aug	139.0–38.0

COCOA

May	1851–60
Jly	1879–78
Sep	1852–51
Dec	1795–93
Mar	1791–90
May	1799–92
Jly	1804–00
Vol	5,679

COFFEE

May	2085–3
Jly	2135–4
Sep	2178–5
Nov	2200–2197
Jan	2210–09
Mch	2200–2195
May	2190–70
Vol	3,893

GAS OIL

Apr	231.50–00
May	228.75–50
Jun	223.50–25
Jly	222.00–21.75
Aug	224.75–23.00
Sep	228.50–00
Oct	230.00–26.00
Nov	230.00–27.00
Dec	229.00–28.25
Vol	731

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE

Cash	1215–1216.50
Three months	1171–1171.50
T/O	10,225
Tone	Steady

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	1170–1172.0
Three months	1169–1170
T/O	50
Tone	Quiet

TIN STANDARD

Cash	9220–9240
Three months	9230–9240
T/O	275
Tone	Steadier

TIN HIGH-GRADE

Cash	9230–9240
Three months	9240–9250
T/O	80
Tone	Quiet

LEAD

Cash	309.50–310.50
Three months	309–309.50
T/O	2,000
Tone	Steady

ZINC STANDARD

Cash	702–704
Three months	701–702
T/O	2,950
Tone	Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	724–723
Three months	724–723
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER LARGE

Cash	501.0–502.0
Three months	516.5–517
T/O	17
Tone	Quiet

SILVER SMALL

Cash	501.0–502.0
Three months	518.5–517.0
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	887–888
Three months	908–908.50
T/O	4,700
Tone	Steadier

NICKEL

Cash	4460–4480
Three months	4570–4580
T/O	510
Tone	Firmer

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
London Gold Futures were untraded yesterday.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 22:
GB: Cattle, 95.46p per kg lw (+0.40).
GB: Sheep, 239.20p per kg est d c w (–6.89).
GB: Pigs, 78.83p per kg lw (–0.13).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 2.0 per cent, ave. price, 94.40p (+0.35).
Sheep nos. down 5.8 per cent, ave. price, 239.27p (–7.31).
Pig nos. down 3.1 per cent, ave. price, 78.10p (–0.19).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 20.7 per cent, ave. price, 98.71p (+1.16).
Sheep nos. down 44.7 per cent, ave. price, 238.22p (–3.77).
Pig nos. up 20.7 per cent, ave. price, 92.18p (–1.78).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
May	£118.65	£114.60
Jul	£122.60	
Sep	£99.55	£98.80
Nov	£102.70	£102.30
Jan	£106.40	£105.80
Mar	£109.60	£109.10

Total lots traded,
Wheat 211
Barley 259

APPOINTMENTS

Wragby Plastics: Mr Paul Webb becomes managing director from next Wednesday.

Data General Corporation: Mr Raymond Fortune has been made vice-president responsible for international marketing and sales.

Philip Morris EEC: Mr Michael D. Horst becomes vice-president in charge of corporate affairs.

Hill and Knowlton Corporate: Mr John Mattison joins the board and will become head of the financial division next Monday. Mr John Goold is made an account director.

Rolls Royce: Mr Harold Mourgue, vice-chairman of Thorn EMI, is appointed a non-executive director from next Wednesday.

Devitt (D.A. Insurance): Mr M. G. Pretlove has become a director.

Winchester Bowring: Mr R. R. Bearman, Mr N. C. Frankland, Mrs V. Pound and Mr I. Wicks become assistant directors form next Wednesday.

Derek Crouch: Mr Ian George has been made financial director.

Coward Chance: Mr A. J. Ward, Miss E. J. Knox, Mr A. R. B. Booker, Mr P. C. E. Cornell, Mr T. J. Herrington and Mr J. Bassindale have been taken into partnership.

Inter-Continental Hotels Corporation: Mr Richard W. M. Hodgson has been made director of sales Europe.

Effold Properties: Mr A. N. Crow and Mr T. M. Gillingham have been appointed to the board.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Period rates went markedly higher towards the end of yesterday.

This followed a resurgence of strength in the dollar after President Reagan's comments on US taxes and the deficit.

The prospect for British interest rates became suddenly clouded and the recent "bulls" ran for cover.

In the extremely quiet conditions of the earlier part of the session rates had shown just a slight tendency to drift firmer generally by no more than ⅛, but in the last hour they moved up smartly.

The key three-month interbank term deposit, for instance, had not really stirred from 12⅞–13 per cent until late in the session. Then it jumped to 12⅝–½ per cent. Day-to-day money was pretty tight throughout.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 12½–12½
Finance House 14

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 13 Low 12
Week fixed: 13-12⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	12	2 months	11½
3 months	11⅛	3 months	11⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 12⅝–12½ 2 months 12⅛–12
3 months 11⅛–11⅛ 6 months 11⅛–11

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 12⅝ 2 months 12
3 months 12⅛ 6 months 11⅝

Interbank (%)
Overnight open 13–12⅞ close 12⅝–12½
1 week 13⅛–13 6 months 12⅝–12⅜
1 month 13–12⅞ 9 months 11⅝–11⅜
3 months 12⅝–12½ 12 months 11⅜–11⅛

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 13½ 7 days 13½
1 month 12⅝ 3 months 12⅝
6 months 11½ 12 months 11½

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 13⅝–13 2 months 13–12⅞
3 months 12⅝–12½ 6 months 12½–11½
9 months 12½–12 12 months 12–11⅝

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 12⅝–12½ 3 months 12⅝–12⅜
6 months 11⅝–11⅜ 12 months 11⅜–11⅛

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 8.25–8.15 3 months 8.40–8.30
6 months 8.55–8.45 12 months 9.20–9.10

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8⅛–7⅛
7 days	8⅝–7⅝	1 month	8¼–8⅛
3 months	8⅜–8¼	6 months	8⅛–8
Deutschemark		call	5⅛–4⅞
7 days	5⅝–5⅜	1 month	5⅛–5
3 months	5¼–5⅛	6 months	10⅞–9⅞
French Franc		call	10⅞–10⅝
7 days	10⅝–10⅜	1 month	10⅝–10⅜
3 months	10⅝–10⅜	6 months	2-1
Swiss Franc		call	5⅛–5
7 days	12⅛–12	1 month	5¼–5⅛
3 months	5⅛–5⅛	6 months	6⅛–6
Yen		call	6¼–6
7 days	6⅛–5⅝	1 month	6⅛–6
3 months	6⅛–6⅛	6 months	6⅛–6

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$337–338 (£297.75–298.75)
Sovereigns* (new):
£77.78 (£81.25–82.25)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for interest period 6 March 1985, to 2 April, 1985, inclusive: 13.618 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

President Reagan's remarks ruling out tax increases in America served to push the dollar higher against most important currencies

The pound, however, held up well initially on the back of high British interest rates.

The dollar took a tumble yesterday afternoon on the publication of the US March durable goods orders.

The pound was trading as high as 1.2820 in terms of the dollar at one point, against 1.2792 at Monday's close. But, by the dind of business in London, it had come back to 1.2550, after a low for the day of 1.2510.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range April 22	Market rates close April 23	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.2515-1.2800	1.2530-1.2550	0.54-0.51c prem	1.26-1.21c prem
Montreal	$1.700-1.7370	$1.7000-1.7050	0.48-0.39c prem	1.15-1.01c prem
Amsterdam	4.3397-4.3878fl	4.3452-4.3857fl	2¾-2¼c prem	6¾-5¾c prem
Brussels	76.98-78.14fl	77.37-77.68f	25-20c prem	55-47c prem
Copenhagen	13.7750-13.9270k	13.7750-13.8250k	4⅝-3⅝ore prem	9¾-8¼ore prem
Dublin	1.2285-1.2365p	1.2340-1.2365p	1/5 prem-5p disc	25 prem-20p disc
Frankfurt	3.8509-3.8765m	3.8454-3.8552m	2¼-2¼pf prem	8¼-8pf prem
Lisbon	212.80-219.75e	212.84-215.69e	145-535e disc	500-1530e disc
Madrid	214.50-216.30p	214.69-215.31p	60-95p disc	60-95p disc
Milan	2418.10-2478.70lr	2443.50-2460.01lr	1 prem-2lr disc	4-9lr disc
Oslo	11.1110-11.2170k	11.1115-11.1543k	⅛ prem-¼ore disc	¼-1¼ore disc
Paris	11.6700-11.8270f	11.7108-11.7672f	2¼-1¾c prem	5¼-3¾ore disc
Stockholm	11.1970-11.2430k	11.1981-11.2421k	par-¼ore disc	4¾-4¼y prem
Tokyo	312.12-317.85y	312.77-313.25y	2-1½y prem	5¾-5¼gro prem
Vienna	26.95-27.15sch	26.95-27.07sch	1¼-¾gro prem	3⅝-3¾gro prem
Zurich	3.1712-3.2035f	3.1901-3.2015f	2¼-2c prem	5¾-5¼c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down 0.5 at 78.8 (day's range 78.8-79.2).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentine peso*	524.37-525.44
Australia dollar	1.9627-1.9713
Bahrain dinar	0.4780-0.4820
Brazil cruzeiro*	8159-8193
Cyprus pound	0.7775-0.7875
Finland marks	8.0360-8.0780
Greece drachma	167.85-169.65
Hong Kong dollar	9.9165-9.9269
India rupee	15.55-15.75
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.3810-0.3900
Malaysia dollar	3.1487-3.1544
Mexico peso	280-305
New Zealand dollar	2.7934-2.8093
Saudi Arabia riyal	4.5750-4.6150
Singapore dollar	2.8077-2.8146
South Africa rand	2.4425-2.4501
United Arab Emirates dirham	4.6553-4.6950

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.0390-1.0390
Singapore	2.2160-2.2210
Malaysia	2.4725-2.4775
Australia	0.8435-0.8455
Canada	1.3570-1.3585
Sweden	8.8900-8.9000
Norway	8.8200-8.8300
Denmark	10.080-10.090
West Germany	3.0630-3.0670
Switzerland	2.5230-2.5280
Netherlands	3.4600-3.4700
France	8.9300-8.9400
Japan	249.10-249.25
Italy	1948.0-1953.0
Belgium(Comm)	61.60-61.70
Hong Kong	7.7775-7.7790
Portugal	169-172
Spain	170.50-171
Austria	21.48-21.52

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 85	88.45	88.51	88.30	88.31	1547
Sep 85	89.17	89.18	89.01	89.01	341
Dec 85	89.25	89.25	89.17	89.17	23
Mar 86	89.20	89.20	89.20	89.20	5
Jun 86	89.20	89.20	89.20	89.20	18
Previous day s total open interest 6570					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 85	91.18	91.23	91.10	91.15	4158
Sep 85	90.60	90.62	90.54	90.54	813
Dec 85	90.12	90.12	90.07	90.04	174
Mar 86	89.70	89.70	89.63	89.62	74
Jun 86	89.30	89.30	89.25	89.27	27
Previous day's total open interest 18268					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 85	72-02	72-08	71-27	71-27	1425
Sep 85	71-00	71-00	70-30	70-28	5
Previous day's total open interest 3290					
Long Gilt					
Jun 85	107-12	107-19	107-06	107-07	2510
Sep 85	NT			110-23	0
Dec 85	NT			110-25	0
Mar 86	NT			110-14	0
Previous day's total open interest 3799					
FT-SE 100					
Jun 85	128.85	129.00	128.50	128.55	343
Sep 85	129.20	129.20	129.20	129.25	5
Dec 85	NT	–	–	–	–
Previous day's total open interest 1092					

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
180	162	Aberdeen	171	..	5.4b	5.5	..
161	87½	Alba	94	..	2.8b	2.1	..
289	260	Alliance	284	..	8.4	2.9	..
155	118	Amer Trust	131	..	4.1	3.2	..
302	284	Ang Amer Sec	288	..	8.1	2.1	..
145	138	Ashdown	138	..	3.8	2.8	..
170	148	Atlantic Assets	170	..	3.8	2.2	..
102	85	Bankers	92	..	3.5b	3.8	..
194	167	Barry	167	..	1.4b	0.9	..
179	132	Bellhaven & Stirm	155	..	4.7	3.0	..
107	100	Br Amer Gen	100	..	2.7	2.7	..
215	182	Br Assets	196	..	9.7b	5.0	..
30½	28	Br Empire Sec	28½	+½	1.8	4.5	..
270	230	British Inv	268	..	10.8b	5.4	..
73	64	Bremner	72	..	2.8	4.0	..
80	72	Charter Agency	80	..	3.1b	3.7	..
108	100	Continental	102	+½	26.7p	4.1	..
178	140	Continental Japan	140	..	1.1	0.8	..
405	360	Delta	375	..	..	..	..
109	97	Derby Inc	109	..	10.2	10.2	..
98	90	Do Cap	98	+½	..	..	..
295	254	Drayton Cons	285	–1	12.7	4.5	..
148	128	Drayton Far East	139	..	1.5	1.2	..
428	348	Drayton Japan	348	–4	3.8	1.0	..
112	102	Drayton Premier	106	..	10.5	9.9	..
180	162	Dunedin Inc	178	..	8.7	5.0	..
118	88	Edin Amer Asset	88	–1	0.5	0.6	..
117	103	Edinburgh	108	..	5.7	5.4	..
290	254	Electric Gen	274	..	4.8b	1.7	..
251	226	English Int	244	..	8.8b	4.0	..
78	68	English Scot	68	..	1.8	2.7	..
109½	91	English NY	101	..	3.8	3.8	..
87	73	F & C Alliance	86	..	3.4	3.9	..
166	140	F&C Pacific	140	..	5.4	3.8	..
214	188	Family	214	..	8.9	4.6	..
279	242	First Scot Amer	251	..	12.5b	5.1	..
190	160	First Un Gen	180	..	8.7b	4.8	..
500	445	Fleming American	470	..	7.5	1.8	..
288	233	Fleming Claver	266	–1	12.4	4.6	..
328	280	Fleming Continental	295	..	11.1	4.4	..
328	280	Fleming Far East	280	–4	2.8	1.0	..
280	240	Fleming Fledgling	196	..	3.6	3.2	..
488	408	Fleming Japan	488	–5	4.5	0.9	..
116	105	Fleming Mercantile	115	..	4.3b	3.8	..
134	108	Fleming Overseas	107	..	3.3b	3.1	..
168	138	Fleming Tech	139	–1	3.1	2.3	..
294	270	Fleming Universal	278	–2	9.6	3.5	..
74	63½	For Col	65	..	1.1	1.8	..
121	82	GBC Capital	101	..	..	..	..
185	146	GT Japan	146	–2	2.2b	1.4	..
218	200	General Funds	213	–8	13.8	2.4	..
291	230	General Cons	244	..	13.1	5.4	..
129	105	Glasgow Stock	111	..	2.9	2.8	..
278	251	Globe	260	–2	12.5	4.8	..
262	232	Greenfriar	234	..	2.1	1.1	..
288	250	Gresham House	265	..	6.7	2.5	..
163	138	Hambros	151	..	8.4	5.6	..
324	278	Hill (P)	282	–6	12.2	5.6	..
335	272	Investors Success	335	–5	7.5	1.5	..
282	212	Ivory & Sime	212	..	5.9b	3.9	..
82	61	Japan Assets	61½	..	0.1	0.1	..
303	272	Lake View	272	..	8.6	2.4	..
197	165	Law Debenture	170	–1	7.6	4.6	..
103	88	Lon Atlantic Inv	97	–1	2.5	3.4	..
107	88	Lon Trust	97	..	3.9	4.1	..
82	68	Manchesters	82	–1	2.1	3.1	..
174	140	Merlin	148	–1	5.4b	3.3	..
118	108	Murray Income	110½	+½	6.4	5.8	..
85	68	Murray Growth	81	+½	2.6	3.2	..
134	112	Murray Ind	117	–1	6.4b	5.5	..
148	128	Murray Stds	128	..	8.3	6.5	..
282	270	Murray Ventures	285	..	9.2b	3.2	..
368	361	New Court	361	–2	20.4	5.6	..
77	67	New Darien Gt	70	..	0.8	0.7	..
178	138	Nthrng Inv 63	168	–2	6.7	4.0	..
37½	37	Nthrng Inv 63	38½	..	3.3b	8.6	..
243	188	New Tokyo	180	..	2.1	1.2	..
284	274	Nth Atlantic Sec	274	..	4.8	1.7	..
174	168	Nth Star Assets	168	–2	10.7	6.4

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New generation of developer outguns yesterday's property world heroes

Months of speculation about the future of the Clark family's stake in Stock Conversion and Investment Trust ended yesterday as Stockley won the bidding for a quarter of the company. Judith Huntley and Patience Wheatcroft look at the people behind the deal which furthers the ambitions of Stockley's founders, Mr Stuart Lipton, Mr Elliott Bernerd and Mr Jacob Rothschild, currently the darlings of the property world and the City.



Two generations of successful developers: from left, the late Mr Robert Clark and Mr Joe Levy, and Mr Elliott Bernerd and Mr Stuart Lipton.

Successful property developers must be shrewd, far-sighted and opportunistic. Thirty years ago, Mr Robert Clark and Mr Joe Levy had all those attributes and used them to build up one of Britain's largest property companies, The Stock Conversion and Investment Trust.

Today, Mr Clark is dead and Mr Levy is an old man, and a new generation of aggressive developers is chasing the assets they accumulated. Mr Stuart Lipton and Mr Elliott Bernard set up Stockley less than 18 months ago, but yesterday Stockley acquired nearly a quarter of Stock Conversion and its ambitions do not stop there.

Until a fortnight ago, its only real asset was the prospect of developing the massive, 90-acre Stockley Park business near Heathrow airport. Then the company bought the British property assets of European Ferries for £61.4 million, a deal it has yet to digest.

Now Stockley has come out on top and fought off other bidders for the Clark family stake in Stock Conversion. It is a move which has provoked turmoil in the boardroom of Stock Conversion.

Mr Peter Levy, who became a director of Stock Conversion two weeks ago, believes the deal will make his father, Mr Joe Levy, "very sad".

But when Mr Robin Clark took over control of the family trust on the death of his father last year, he decided he wanted to swap Stock Conversion shares for cash.

Twenty years ago, Stock Conversion's portfolio consisted of the most prime property. Today that is no longer the case. Apart from its £50 million half-share in the Euston Centre in London, the assets range from offices in Glasgow to the White City stadium in west London.

The portfolio is showing its age with less than attractive office buildings now in need of refurbishment and hardly any exposure to that hotspot of the property market, the retail sector. But is is the unrealized potential in Stock Conversion's portfolio which makes it tempting bait for Stockley.

But the founders of Stockley have a reputation as trouble-shooters in the property industry. Mr Stuart Lipton built no one property company in the heyday of development but was one of the few who managed to get out before boom turned to bust when in 1973 he sold out to Town & City.

He then joined with Mr Geoffrey Wilson to run Greycoat Estates, one of the most active developers of the early Eighties which ran into pressure-group problems with its plans to redevelop the Coin Street site on the South Bank.

But as it turned out, the company was probably glad to get out of Coin Street. The office market south of the river was in the doldrums and the sale back to the Greater London Council could be seen as a blessing in disguise.

Mr Lipton left Greycoat early in 1983 and within months launched his own scheme for redeveloping Liverpool Street station in the City of London. Then, before the end of that year, he joined forces with Mr Elliott Bernerd, of Michael Laurie & Parners, the estate agents, and Mr Jacob Rothschild of Jacob Rothschild Holdings.

Their target was Trust Securities, the ailing company set up by Mr Peter Jones with the main intention of developing Stockley Park. Trust Securities was easy prey for the new consortium, christened Stockley, which bought the company and its much-vaunted potential for £4.7 million.

Stockley had been hot on the acquisition trial since the day it started. Not long before it bought the Euroferries portfolio, it acquired the Sackville Estate for £19.7 million with a parcel of properties in the West End of London. It is now examining these with a view to releasing their development potential.

And the company is engaged in regenerating three office buildings owned by Unilever, behind its Blackfriars headquarters in the City.

Stockley now has a sky-high stock market rating which was originally based on little more than hope value and the City's admiration for the keen business minds behind it. Mr Jacob Rothschild now has more than 9 per cent of Stockley.

It is his company which is providing a vital element in the financing of Stockley's purchase of Stock Conversion and should there eventually be a full-scale bid from Stockley, J. Rothschild Holdings would be able to provide the necessary backing.

Mr Rothschild is something of a maverick in financial circles, having split from the family Rothschild banking business several years ago. His strong entrepreneurial streak makes him a useful ally for Messrs Lipton and Bernerd.

Stock Conversion has succomed to the fate of some well-established property companies by sitting back on its laurels and not aggressively seeking opportunity. Leaner, hungrier developers like Stockley, on the other hand, are ever on the lookout for chances to use their management abilities and acquire an asset base.

The question remains as to whether Messes Lipton and Bernard have bitten off more than they can chew. The acquisition of the Stock Conversion stake an be seen as an audacious move following as it does so quickly in the wake of the Euro-ferries deal which left Euroferries with 30 per cent of Stockley's voting shares.

While Stockley's founders may be highly regarded, they are only human after all. It is hard to see how they will handle two such large portfolios, particularly as Mr Lipton, in the guise of Stanhope Securities, is tied up with developing 1 million sq ft of offices at Liverpool Street.

TEMPUS

Burnett & Hallamshire given a late breather

Burnett & Hallamshire's fight for survival has gone into the final period of extra time. Yesterday's announcement of a temporary extension of banking facilities, the sale of the oil distribution business and the intention to dispose of the troubled Californian properties was certainly a break in the ominous silence which the company has maintained of late. However, it still leaves a lot of unanswered questions about the company's future.

The decision by the banks no to pull the plug on Burnett at this stage is perhaps more of an ultimatum than a vote at this stage is perhaps more of an ultimatum than a vote of confidence in its prospects.

Whether lending facilities will be granted on a permanent basis will depend very much on the company's ability to demonstrate that it is putting its house in order and also on the conclusions of the business review being carried out by Price Waterhouse, the accountants.

Without any detailed information on the extent of Burnett's soaring borrowings, the extent of the writedowns on the Californian properites and the provisions against the Iraq and US coal ioerations the company remains is bad but no one knows how bad. The lack of financial data is also keeping the potential bidders for, and saviours of, Burnett at bay. There are willing buyers in the wing but they will not move until they know what they are letting themselves in for.

The borrowings position will be eased by the sale of UK Petroleum Products, the oil distribution subsidiary, to Powell Duffryn for £10.3 million. It is a lot less than the £15 million Burnett had hoped for when the business was first put up for sale but these are hard times. It seems a good deal for Powell Duffryn since it broadens its geographic coverage and also takes it into petrol distribution for the first time.

The business never sat too easily in Burnett's group structure so the disposal is tactically sound. A more pressing divestment, however, is the Californian properties which are at the root of the present difficulties. Burnett has now said that complete divestment is the ultimate objective. It has taken a long time for the company to take this decision and it can only be hoped that it will not take quiet so long to find a buyer.

Clearly the next few months will be crucial in determining the ultimate outcome at Burnett. More detailed information is expected in the summer which might flush out potential bidders. Until then, investors can only reminisce about the heady days earlier in the decade when the shares were worth close to £10. Yesterday they closed down another 5p to 50p. It is a share only for the bravest of speculators.

Moss Bros

Moss Bros' advertising slogan "Don't forget the formalities" appears to be paying dividends. Pretax profits in the year ended January 26, 1985 were 57 per cent higher at £1.02 million on turnover up 8 per cent.

Margins widened because of continued economies of scale from the Fairdale acquisition in 1982 and after the closure of the unprofitable Paris shop and two small outlets in Britain.

Both the hire side, where Moss Bros claims more than half the British market, and the retail side, which accounts for more than 50 per cent of turnover, did well. The fashion element in men's formal wear is now far more important, providing a boost to the retail side, but shortening the life of a hire suit to two to three years.

Turnover in the current year is so far 10 per cent ahead. There is some scope left for further productivity gains and, following the success of the Fairdale purchase, the company is looking for more acquisitions. It is also experimenting with a new type of hire shop with a wider range of suits called Occasions. The first Occasions is trading in Solihull and the second opens in Guildford in June.

The real ace up Moss Bros' sleeve is its Covent Garden site, where planning permission for a £10 million redevelopment is eagerly awaited. The company hopes for a decision in the next two months.

The site was valued at £3.5 million four years ago, but must be worth more than double that now following a more than doubling of rents.

The shares dropped 20p to 391p, following a 100p run-up in the past month. Takeover rumours persist but the shares are tightly held.

Kwik-Fit

Kwik-Fit (Tyres and Exhausts) wrong footed the stock market and scorched a hole in the forecast of £3.2 million from its own broker Phillips & Drew yesterday, reporting a pretax profit for 1984 of £4.2 million with £4.1 million.

The year was a tale of two very different halves. Longer-life exhausts had left manufacturers with excess stocks which they dumped on to the market depressing prices and leaving Kwik-Fit's first half £700,000 down at £1.7 million.

The second half was another story. The tyre manufacturers put their house in order by rationalizing production so there was much less dumping and prices started to recover.

Kwik-Fit had continued to spend heavily on advertising and promotion – £4.7 million for the full year – and then launched a long overdue profit-sharing scheme to put its top depot managers into the £25,000-a-year bracket.

The scheme encouraged managers to be more profit-conscious and in a high margin business a determination to cut costs swiftly worked its way through to the profit and loss account.

It is estimated that the first half shakeout on the exhaust business probably knocked £2.5 million off group profits. The chairman, Mr Tom Farmer, is expecting to revover a lot, although not all, of it in the current year which, against a background of much firmer prices, has got underway with sales about 30 per cent higher than a year ago.

The troublesome Paris chain of six depots has been chopped after losses of £200,000. The Dutch business is doing well and about 30 more depots are likely to be added.

Kwit-Fit has about 12 per cent of the British tyre replacement market and 25 per cent of the exhaust replacement market and, despite experimenting with transmission and clutch centres, still views these areas as its mainstream business. A sizeable acquisition seems likely.

The shares, which have been under pressure, held at about 41p yesterday. Phillips & Drew is looking towards £5 million for the current year.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

British Aerospace shares take 15p dive

By Derek Pain and Jeremy Warner

Shares of British Aerospace dived 15p to 403p yesterday as institutional selling ahead of the Government's share sale intensified. They started the account at 430p.

Today institutional investors are due to attend a BAe briefing at the company's Dunsford Aerodrome, near Guildford, Surrey. Shareholders meet next week to approve the rights issue element of the exercise.

With the Government selling its 48.4 per cent stake and BAe itself raising about £200 million through the rights issue, the group's share price is now crucial as the final calculations take place about the level at which the shares should be sold.

BAe has indicated that it hopes to undertake the sale exercise, which is expected to have a valuation of about £500 million, early next month.

There were signs yesterday that some institutional shareholders had decided the BAe price is too high. Institutions have been promised a large percentage of the Government's shares and it was suggested that some were now selling to pull in the cash to take up their coming entitlement.

It would pay the institutions – and indeed other shareholders – to see the BAe share price down, thereby reducing the price at which the Government can sell.

For the second day in succession equities were in ragged retreat. With sterling losing ground against the dollar, the chance of lower interest rates has retreated still further into the distance.

The pending Imperial Chemical Industries first quarter figures also prompted caution, and the end of certain jobbing financial years was another inhibiting factor.

If the company has changed its mind since then, it will at least have the support of Mr Angus Phaure of Fielding Newson Smith, the City's top construction analyst.

He is bullish about the long-term future and says that Blue Circle has funded a huge investment programme over the last 10 years without asking shareholders for a penny so far.

BAT Industries staged a late rally to close 4p up on the day at 330p, ahead of publication on Friday of the tobacco group's report and accounts. There were suggestions that those who had received early copies liked the look of what they saw.

The cleaning group, Pritchard Services, took a 5p dip to 91p on the sudden departure of its North American supremo, Mr Peter Fox. The US business contributes 62 per cent of group turnover and 44 per cent of operating profits.

The Pritchard finance director, Mr Rod O'Donoghue said that Mr Fox, who had been running the operation for 18 months, had left "to follow his own interests".

So is Mr Fox leaving to set up in opposition to Pritchard? "Possibly. But that is his affair. It does not worry us. While being responsible for the United States the total board of Pritchard has participated in all the decisions and the strategy will continue in exactly the same way", Mr O'Donoghue said.

He said that Mr Fox would not be receiving any compensation. His job had gone to Mr Curtis Roberts who had been with the group for 12 years and has been involved in the US and Canadian interests.

The Pritchard chairman, Mr Peter Pritchard, said this month that returns were still too low in North America, although it offered considerble growth prospects.

The group would not comment yesterday on reports that there had been a dispute between the chairman and Mr Fox, although it admitted his departure had not come as a "complete surprise".

Some Equities enjoyed occasional flurries, usually on bid speculation. Rowntree Mackintosh, the sweets group, was at one time 16p to the good at 421p. But the price relapsed to 415p. Commercial Union had another speculative session, closing 1p harder at 224p.

Thorn EMI, strong recently on takeover thoughts, fell 12p to 422p after sinking to 414p.

Oils were an exceptionally weak market with the fall in the price of BP and Shell alone accounting for aout 4 points of the 10-point fall in the FT-SE 100 share index.

Oil price fears and reports that Nigeria is breeching its daily prioduction quota caused mark downs across of a wide range of companies. BP closed 15p worse off at 533p and Britoil was 3p lower at 208p. Enterprise fell 3p to 195p, Lasmo closed 7p lower at 306p and Ultramar softened 7p to 233p.

Royal Dutch Shell went against the trend rallying to close little changed at £46.76p after a presentation by the broker Wood Mackenzie to institutions in Edinburgh. Investors went away with the impression that there would be little growth in demand this year and that pressure on oil prices would continue. However, downstream activities were said to be in good shape.

USM dealings are due to start on Monday in the shares of the Moorgate Group, a financial marketing organization started in 1977. Le Mare, Martin and Company, the broker, is placing 1.250 million shares at 120p each. Profits are forecast at £430,000, putting the shares on 23 times prospective earnings.

At the close the FT 30 share index lost 10 points at 1,284.9 points.

Talk of a £100 million plus rights issue accompanying full-year figures tomorrow from Blue Circle knocked 9p off the company's share price to 476p. Unusually, a lunch has been organized for analysts to discuss the figures and this has only served to highten the market's fears.

The company said at the beginning of this month when it bought Atlantic Cement in the United States that it had no plans for a rights issue and did not feel uncomfortable with its 47 per cent gearing level.

Croda International, the chemical group, is said to be involved in takeover talks with Burmah Oil emerging as the favourite to launch a bid. Some market men are dreaming of an offer at 180p a share. Croda's shares yesterday slipped 3p to 142p.

Traded option highlights

Racal Electronics was the most actively traded counter on the London Traded Option Market yesterday. It attracted 873 bargains – 305 calls and 568 puts. Commercial Union was yet again an eagerly sought option with a total of 844 bargains marked against it.

The gilts contract won 644 deals. All-told the market achieved 4,429 bargains – 4,296 calls and 2,133 puts.

Top auditors to merge in July

By Ian Griffiths

Three of Britain's oldest accountancy firms are to merge to form the fifteenth largest practice in the country. The national practices of Hodgson Harris and Chalmers Impey will link with the Liverpool firm Poulsoms on July 1 and operate under the name of Hodgson Impey.

The new firm will have annual fee income of £15 million and service clients such as Ranks Hovis McDougall.

It will have 84 partners and 750 staff at 22 locations in Britain and Ireland and through the Hodgson Landau Brands international firm it will have a presence in more than 50 countries.

Mr James Donovan, senior partner of Hodgson Harris, the biggest of the three firms, at present placed nineteenth in the national accountancy league table and the instigator of the merger, said that the link had been prompted partly by the need of medium-sized firms to defend their traditional client base from the big eight accountancy firms.

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Rotterdam The Netherlands

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

On Wednesday, 15th May, 1985 at 10.30 a.m. in the "Kleine Zaal" of the "Concert-en Congresgebouw de Doelen", entrance Kruisplein 30, Rotterdam

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Annual Report for the 1984 financial year submitted by the Board of Directors.
2. Approval and adoption of the Annual Accounts and appropriation of the profit for the 1984 financial year.
3. Appointment of the members of the Board of Directors.
4. Appointment of Auditors.
5. Designation, in accordance with Articles 96 and 98a of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code, of the Board of Directors as the company body authorised in respect of the issue of ordinary shares in the Company.
6. Proposal for alteration of Article 8 of the Articles of Association.

This agenda, the Report and Accounts for 1984, together with the Report of the Auditors and the further documentation pertaining to the Agenda are available for inspection by shareholders and holders of certificates issued by N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie- en Trustkantoor at the Company's office, Burg. s'Jacobplein 1, Rotterdam, and at the office of the Bank mentioned below, where copies may be obtained free of charge.

(A) Holders of bearer shares or sub-shares wishing to attend the meeting either in person or by proxy appointed in writing must deposit their share certificates and sub-share certificates by Wednesday, 8th May, 1985 at the Company's office or at the office of the Midland Bank plc, Mariner House, Pepys Street, London EC3N 4DA or any of its branches. Upon production of the receipt then issued to them such holders will be admitted to the meeting.

(B) Holders of registered shares for which certificates have been issued in another form and holders of booked shares wishing to attend the meeting either in person or by proxy appointed in writing must notify the Company of their intention by letter, stating the numbers of the share certificates or of the bookings for the shares, which must reach Unilever N.V., Adailing Effecten en Coupons, Burgemeester s'Jacobplein 1, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, by Wednesday, 8th May, 1985.

(C) Holders of certificates for shares in Unilever N.V. issued by N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie- en Trustkantoor of Amsterdam, "Nedamtrust certificates", wishing to attend the meeting without taking part in the voting must deposit such certificates by Wednesday 8th May, 1985 at any of the offices mentioned in (A) above. Upon production of the receipt then issued to them, such Nedamtrust certificate holders will be admitted to the meeting.

(D) Holders of certificates for shares in Unilever N.V. issued by N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie- en Trustkantoor in the name of Midland Bank Trust Company Limited (or in its former name Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company Limited), "sub-share certificates", wishing to attend the meeting without taking part in the voting must deposit such sub-share certificates with Midland Bank plc by Wednesday 8th May, 1985. Upon production of the receipt then issued to them such sub-share certificate holders will be admitted to the meeting.

(E) If holders of the certificates mentioned in (C) and (D) above wish to exercise voting rights at the meeting either in person or by proxy appointed in writing, N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie- en Trustkantoor will exchange such certificates free of charge for original shares, which it will hold in the names of such holders at its own office (such office being the designated place of deposit in the event) and exchange the same again after the meeting free of charge for Nedamtrust certificates to be issued to such holders in accordance with the conditions of administration of these certificates. For such purposes holders must by Tuesday 7th May, 1985:

surrender their certificates for Fl.20 or a multiple thereof (but, in the case of certificates for 7% cumulative preference shares, representing a total nominal amount of Fl.1,000 or a multiple thereof) to N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie- en Trustkantoor, N.Z. Voorburgwal 328-328, Amsterdam, and/or

surrender their sub-share certificates for Fl.12 nominal amount or multiples thereof, representing a total nominal amount of at least Fl.60 per class (but in the case of sub-share certificates for 7% cumulative preference shares, representing a total nominal amount of Fl.1,000 or a multiple thereof) to Midland Bank plc.

The certificates so surrendered must be accompanied by a form obtainable free of charge from N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie- en Trustkantoor, Amsterdam, and Midland Bank plc, London. Upon production of the receipts then issued by N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie- en Trustkantoor and Midland Bank plc respectively the holders will be admitted to the meeting.

The receipt issued by Midland Bank plc for sub-share certificates so surrendered incorporates a two-way proxy form.

Rotterdam, 22nd April, 1985 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

McKechnie Brothers

The improvement in the Group's performance continues with a 17% increase in profit before tax. The result would have been significantly better but for the adverse effects of weaknesses in the currencies of our overseas operations.

A slightly lower contribution from South Africa has been more than compensated by record figures from New Zealand. The UK continues to make steady progress.

Your Board wishes to see a better balance between Interim and Final Dividends and is therefore increasing the Interim for this purpose.

Dr. J. M. Butler, Chairman

Interim Results – unaudited	Half-year ended 31st January 1985	1984	Year ended 31st July 1984 Audited
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Turnover	113,059	97,179	202,834
Operating Profit	7,651	6,016	13,009
Share of Profits of Associates	1,860	2,101	3,995
Net Profit	4,243	4,251	10,411
Extraordinary Items	(11)	94	(3,702)
Ordinary Dividend	1,505	1,203	4,380
Earnings per Ordinary Share	7.0p	7.1p	17.3p

Note – Interim dividend of 2.50p (1984 2.00p) per Ordinary Share making a gross equivalent of 3.57143p (1984 2.85714p).

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CERTIFICATES FOR ORDINARY SUB-SHARES OF FL.12 ISSUED BY N.V. NEDERLANDSCH ADMINISTRATIE- EN TRUSTKANTOOR

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Certificates will only be accepted for exchange after 22nd May 1985 provided that all dividends declared prior to that date have been claimed.

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London Transfer Office, Unilever House, Blackfriars, London EC4P 4BQ. 23rd April 1985.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with Article 29 of the Statutes, the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd MAY 1985, in THE SKINNERS' HALL, 8½ DOWGATE HILL, LONDON EC4, at 11am to receive a Report from the Committee with the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1984; to propose a Dividend; and to elect Members of the Committee.

By Article 27 of the Statutes the General Meeting is composed of holders, whether in person or by proxy or both together, of at least thirty shares, who, to be entitled to take part in the Meeting, must deposit their shares and, as may be necessary, their proxies at the Head Office of the Company in Istanbul or at any of the branches, or in London at Dunster House, 3rd floor, 37 Mincing Lane, EC3R 7DN, or in Paris at 7 rue Meyerbeer, 75009, at least ten days before the date fixed for the Meeting.

The Report of the Committee and the Accounts which will be presented to the General Meeting are available to the Shareholders at the Head Office in Istanbul and at the offices in London and Paris.

T. R. STEPHENS
Secretary to the Committee

24th April 1985

CRICKET: A SEASON OF WELCOMES GIVEN EXTRA EDGE BY AUSTRALIA'S VISIT

Old school back with clean slates and new boys with shining faces

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

During a lull between political tremors, the cricket season begins in earnest today when MCC meet Essex, the county champions for the last two years, in a three-day game at Lord's. To compete with the weather the Lord's ground staff were having to work at weekends earlier this month, but it all looks ready enough now.

When I began writing about cricket for *The Times* the only issue capable of any sort of political interpretation concerned the england captaincy. Would it be a reasonable "risk" to ask a professional cricketer, in this case Len Hutton, to lead the England side to Australia in the winter of 1954-55? Those who considered it unthinkable made a habit of quoting Lord Hawke's famous aphorism, "God forbid that England should be captained by a professional." In the event, Hutton was chosen and returned a conquering hero.

Nowadays, seldom a week passes without there being a cricketing story that originates off the field. The most recent of these, of course, concerned the Australians, who arrive in England next Wednesday. The fact that all those originally chosen will not be coming, though obviously disappointing, makes Allan Border's side no less welcome.

It is splendid to have the Australians back and they will be relieved, I imagine, that rather than having to play an interminable succession of one-day international matches for the benefit of television, as they do in Australia, their long tour will be centred on the fight for the Ashes. The TCCB working party who are making an "in-depth" study of the English game are much concerned by the rapid growth internationally of one-day cricket and the threat this poses to the best traditional forms of the game.

For the first time since becoming chairman of the selectors, Peter May will have a free hand in helping to choose the England side. Gooch, Emburey, Underwood and the rest of them – all those, in fact, who were banned for three years for playing together in South Africa in 1982 – have served their unremitted sentence.

If the three mentioned are the most likely to regain the Test places they held in 1982, others will be there or thereabouts. Perhaps a dozen of them would have appeared for England in the last three years had they been available. In alphabetical order, those still playing are Amiss, Boycott, Emburey, Gooch, Humpage, Knott, Larkins, Lever, Old, Sidebottom, Taylor, of Leicestershire, Underwood and Willey. They can all rest assured that they are back in contention now, each with a clean slate.

David Gower is keen to be given, to start with, the chance of building on the corporate spirit which contributed to his side's success in India during the winter. So, I am sure, he will be. But if, for example, Gooch outbats Robinson and Moxon at Lord's this week, and goes on to make as many runs in the early weeks of this season as he did last, England's side will be stronger for having him in it.

Similarly, if after his winter's rest Botham starts to do great things for Somerset, the selectors will want him, too. At 29, Botham is still plenty young enough, if he is sufficiently fit, to play any number of more Test matches, and no one will be trying harder to press his claims.

Competition for England can be. Smith's elder brother, Christopher, played seven times for England in 1983 and 1984.

There is nothing like an Australian year for generating interest. Sales even for the last Test match at the Oval in four months' time are already breaking records and against an inexperienced Australian side England should, I think, recover the Ashes.

Of the new Australians, perhaps the most likely to make life difficult for England is the fiery young Queenslander, Craig McDermott, who was 20 last week. Dennis Lillee was 22 when he first came here and took 31 wickets in the Test matches at 17 apiece. Should McDermott prove anything like as good, there could be something to be said for picking a third opening batsman and playing Gatting at No 4; but I doubt whether it will come to that.

Given an all-rounder of the right calibre – a renascent Botham would be best of all – England could so extend their revival in India as to give even the West Indies a fight in the Caribbean early next year.

As for the county championship, to be sponsored again by Britannic Assurance, that looks wide open. While Essex will no longer have the exclusive use of Gooch's services, or Lever's for that matter, other sides will benefit from the return of their West Indian match-winners. As soon as the present series between West Indies and New Zealand is finished, Hampshire will be reinforced by Greenidge and Marshall, Somerset by Garner and Richards, and Derbyshire by Holding.

Although Hampshire have lost Jesty and Surrey and are one of four counties with a new captain (Glamorgan under Ontong, Kent under Christopher Cowdrey and Warwickshire under Gifford are the others), they must have as good a chance as for some time. Their first championship match against Kent at Southampton on Saturday, with Mark Nicholas in charge of one side, Cowdrey in charge of the other, and Dilley and Terry back in action, should be full of interest. But everywhere hopes are high, collectively and individually.

There are plenty of outstanding young cricketers about. Here, from each county, is one to watch: Kim Barnett, aged 24, of Derbyshire; Paul Prichard, 20, of Essex; Hugh Morris, 21 of Glamorgan; Jack Russell, 21, of Gloucestershire; Robin Smith, 21, of Hampshire; Mark Benson, 26, of Kent; Neil Fairbrother, 21, of Lancashire; James Whitaker, 22, of Leicestershire; Neil Williams, 22, of Middlesex; Robert Bailey, 21, of Northamptonshire; Peter Such, 20, of Nottinghamshire; Julian Wyatt, 21, of Somerset; Duncan Pauline, 24, of Surrey; Colin Wells, 25, of Sussex; Paul Smith, 21, of Warwickshire; Dipak Patel, 26, of Worcestershire; and Martin Moxon, 24.

White Knight's pawns

From Ian Brayshaw, Perth

Six of Australia's best fielding cricketers have been signed up at Aus $15,000 (about £7,500) each by an interested party in another move to protect the future of the game in this country after the news of a fortnight ago that a team of Australians, present and past Test representatives, had been signed to make tours of South Africa over the next two summers.

One of the six is believed to be Robbie Kerr, a near-miss in the 17-man touring party for England next month, and another Mike Veletta. Both are talented batsmen. The remaining four have not been identified, nor has the name of the "interested party" who has bought them over have been confirmed.

It is believed that none of the players has been bound by a contract with either the Australian Cricket Board or South African interests and that none has as yet played in a Test.

The motive in paying them the money – a first draft of Aus $5,000 is believed to have been received – is to ensure that the recruiting agents for the South African tours will not be able to take their pick from the expected next generation of Australian Test players.

It is not the first time that a "White Knight" has been implicated in an attempt to trip up those trying to put together and keep intact unofficial tours, although the Australian Cricket Board have denied knowledge of such happenings.



Waiting for the bell at Shoreditch: Price (left) and Graham meet for the British middleweight title tonight

YACHTING

Fresh tack proving successful

By John Nicholls

The first phase of the new Offshore Support Group's programme for 1985, a stringent series of pre-season trials and tests for contenders for the Admiral's Cup and One Ton Cup teams, has been completed. There is no doubt it has been extremely successful.

This sort of preparation which started at the beginning of March, has never been tried in Britain before. Previously, owners were always left to their own devices: trials were held and a team selected. As a result, boats sometimes failed to gain selection only because they were not sufficiently worked-up. There is less likelihood of that happening this year though several boats have been late on the water.

Those that have taken part in the group's programme led by Rod Carr, the Royal Yachting Association's race training manager, have undoubtedly benefited. Crew response to the unexpected, such as a sudden demand to reef the mainsail or recover a "body" thrown into the water, has measurably improved. So have basic boat-handling, mark-rounding and starting.

Starting will probably be more important than ever this year, with One Tonners racing on level terms and many of the Admiral's Cup boats being at similar ratings. Kelly's Eye (D. Jefferies) has been commended by the group for her starting prowess.

About a dozen of the 24 contenders for both teams have regularly taken part on the exercises. These have comprised a variety of straightforward races in the Solent.

All results, whether of races or tests, have been recorded and put through a computer and, at the end of each session, owners have been given a confidential assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of their boats and crews. Peter Bruce, member of the support group and an Admiral's Cup selector, stresses how important the sponsorship from Racal-Vodafone has been for the success of the operation.

Boats that have shown up well so far are: Cifraline (M Peacock), Itzanather Purla (G Pannell), Jade (L Wooddell), Marionette (C Dunning), Pocket Battleship (M Gibson), and Yeoman XXV (R Aisher). Among the latecomers that, because of their pedigree, are expected soon to join the front-runners are: Indulgence (G Walker), Panda (P Whipp) and Nadia Catcher (R Matthews).

The season proper commences with the first Solent points race next Saturday, with the Royal Ocean Racing Club's first offshore race on May 4. The Cup contenders will continue to receive special attention on spare weekends, leading up to selection trials which begin in June. Both the One Ton Cup and the Admiral's Cup begin in July.

Childerly starts too hastily in an easterly

From a Correspondent
Hyères

Oleg Khoperski, who would have been the Soviet Union's Finn sailor at the last Olympics, led from start to finish of yesterday's third race in the French Olympic regatta. He now has two wins behind him and appears favourite for the overall Finn title.

The race was sailed in flat seas and an easterly wind.

Stuart Childerly, the world youth champion, sailing his Finn dinghy for the first time in a major regatta, was the best placed Briton at the finish line. Although the result will add to his confidence, it will do little for his overall result, as he was disqualified as a premature starter.

RESULTS: Division II boards: 1, H Plegelin (Fr), 2, R Nagy (Fr); 3, G Guillerot (Fr). British placings: 31, B Edgington; 41, S Priestley; 42, N Buckley. Finn dinghy: 1, O Khoperski (USSR); 2, F Buzzmann (EG); 3, R van Manen (Neth). British placings: 8, N Burgin; 15, J Greenwood. Flying Dutchman: 1, A Betelli/K Wanda (WG); 2, I Sommariva/A Sommariva (It); 3, B Borowski/M Kroh (USSR). British placings: 15, R Yeoman/H Myers. Solling: 1, B Budnikov/O Mironi/G Strakh (USSR); 2, P Santoni/F Toccoli/A Arnaldi (It); 3, T Jungblut/K Stryt/T Kroger (WG). British placing: 8, N Wallbank/ G Kingston/L Ingram. 470 Ladies: 1, A Bacchiega/M Monico (It); 2, T van der Vooren/H Stavenuiter (Neth); 3, B Lemstrom/A Lemstrom (Fin). 470 Men: T Tepponet/L Pillot (Fr); 2, R Rudiatt/M Richter (EG); 3, A Murli/P Pritchett (It). British placings: 22, K Brewer/R Drumgold; 25, D Smithwhite/J Bickwood; 27, R Boardman/I Teasdale. Tornados: 1, W van Bladed/C van Bladel (Neth); 2 C Klaus/D Tucek (Austria); 3, N Petschel/R Leskova (Austria). British placings: 9, I Gray/T Hancock; 11, R White/J Newman.

BOXING

Graham win will put Hagler in view

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Herol Graham, of Sheffield, who held three titles as a light middleweight, sets out tonight to establish himself as the leading British contender for Marvin Hagler's world title when he meets Jimmy Price at the Britannia Leisure Centre Shoreditch, for the British middleweight title vacated by Tony Sibson.

At first sight it looks as though Graham's experience – 21 straight wins against Price's 15 bouts with one defeat – will allow him to ease past the Liverpudlian. Graham looks too lively and unorthodox for the more conventional and static Price.

But, with the onus on Graham to make the openings, beating Price could prove harder than the Sheffield middleweight's 600 or so supporters might imagine. "We are not underestimating Price," Brendan Ingle, Graham's manager said. "But we are not overestimating him either.

"I have watched Price throughout his amateur career as well as his pro career, so we know everything about him. We have even been using two sparring partners who know Jimmy well."

But he added, "Herol has outstanding talent and is looking so great that even Hagler would have trouble getting to him."

"I hope he doesn't start that running business," Price's manager, Ernie Fossey, said. "That's so boring. Tht's why Graham is such a boring fighter."

Fossey, who knows Graham's style as well as Ingle knows Price's having been Graham's matchmaker for most of his contests, added: "I hope Graham comes to fight, because that will suit Jimmy and give him a good chance to pull it off. But Jimmy's a stayer too, and the further the fight goes the better for us."

Since the Sheffield man has a solid enough chin – having had it tested by José Seys, who knocked out Errol Christie in one round – Graham, after a few exploratory jabs, will probably rush in to finish the contest quickly. The most spectacular the ending, the easier it will be to sell Graham in the United States.

SNOOKER

Thorburn defeated

By Sydney Friskin

Dennis Taylor reached the semi-finals of the Embassy World Championship with a thoroughly merited victory of 13–5 against his friend, Cliff Thorburn.

The prolonged struggle was ended swiftly in the afternoon by Taylor, who won three frames in a row. At the finish, he made a break of 70, Thorburn conceding with four reds left. Taylor had begun yesterday's play with a lead of 10–5, the activities of the previous night having continued until the early hours of the morning.

"I had a few toasted sandwiches and went to bed", Taylor said. "I awoke at 10.30 and switched on the television to get into the right frame of mind, expecting to see myself playing against Cliff."

Thorburn added: "If I had been playing well, this would have been the longest match in history. But my concentration was bad and he was much sharper." Thorburn announced that he was returning to Canada for a four-month holiday and would spend much of his time playing golf.

Steve Davis, the title-holder, became the first player to reach the last four. He defeated Terry Griffiths 13–6, after establishing an overnight lead of 10–6.

Davis, wonderfully composed, took advantage of the mistakes made yesterday morning by Griffiths, who was docked four points in the first frame for having touched a red with part of his clothing. The wiser Davis used the rest to eliminate the red which Griffiths had originally intended to pot and went on to make a break of



Taylor: sharper

80. Unforced errors by Griffiths in each of the next two frames helped Davis in his mopping-up operations.

John Parrott, in establishing a lead of 9–7 over Ray Reardon, achieved in the thirteenth frame a clearance break of 114, which was the twelfth century break of the tournament. In the tenth frame he had a break of 93, but towards the end of the afternoon, Reardon made a fighting recovery with a break of 62 in the sixteenth frame. In the remaining quarter-final, Tony Knowles led Jimmy White by 9–7.

QUARTER FINALS: Dennis Taylor bt C Thorburn (Can) 13-5 (68-48, 80-53, 66-32, 55-62, 15-90, 35-55, 25-88, 72-39, 67-19, 58-64, 77-48, 67-17, 52-58, 55-25, 59-26, 66-18, 87-13, 76-0). S. Davis bt T Griffiths 13-6 (47-61, 47-71, 31-74, 0-84, 60-39, 75-14, 71-41, 8-70, 64-12, 77-18, 14-61, 79-48, 75-3, 72-17, 15-98, 68-1 84-6, 92-20, 69-2).

ORDER OF PLAY: Semi-finals (best of 31 frames): No morning session: 3.0: S Davis v J Parrott or R Reardon, first session; 7.30: Dennis Taylor v A Knowles or J White, first session.

Fast bowler signs for Warwicks

Tom Stancombe, aged 19, a first-year geography student at Plymouth Polytechnic, yesterday signed a three-year contract with Warwickshire and received a £500 cheque as winner of a nationwide search for fast bowling talent. Webster's Yorkshire Bitter launched the scheme eight months ago and Stancombe, whose home is at St Albans, emerged as the top prospect from 3,559 entries.

Three England captains – Bob Willis, Ted Dexter, who organized the competition, and David Gower – welcomed Stancombe at Edgbaston. Willis said: "A scheme that was ridiculed and sneered at when it was launched has proved to be a bery worthwhile exercise, and I would like to see it repeated.

"The final six received specialist coaching from Fred Trueman, John Snow and Alec Bedser. I only wish I had been given the opportunity to listen and learn when I was their age."

Stancombe, who was also wanted by Hampshire and Surrey, entered the scheme only when two of his friends picked up a leaflet in a public house. He had already played cricket for Hertfordshire under-19s.

"It was a difficult choice between Warwickshire and Surrey, but I plumped for Warwickshire because of their facilities and the fast bowling knowledge they have in Bob Willis and David Brown."

Bairstow's plea

David Bairstow made a rallying call to Yorkshire cricket yesterday. At the start of his second year as captain he told his committee at the opening lunch at Headingley: "I have called for harmony and I have called for sanity. The members have every right to call for success. One cannot be achieved without the other two.

West Indies' 265

Bridgetown, Barbados (Reuter) – West Indies scored 265 for three from 49 overs in the fifth and final one day international against New Zealand at Kensington Oval yesterday. West Indies lead 4-0 in the series.

Oxford comfortable in the cold

By Marcus Williams

THE PARKS: Oxford University drew with Somerset.

A bitterly cold day in the Parks yesterday was warmed by the stroke play of John Carr, who followed the trend set by Roebuck and Wyatt on Monday by scoring a hundred in this fixture for the second year running. Carr and Toogood, in sharply contrasting styles, shared a third-wicket partnership of 154 which rescued the University after their openers had fallen cheaply and the match finally drifted to a draw with Oxford in a position of some comfort.

Carr began slowly but got into his stride after the first break for drinks – hot tea, of course. He took heavy toll of the left-arm spin of Booth, who found control elusive in the numbing wind, and, having reached his fifty on the stroke of lunch, spent the first hour of the afternoon dispatching the seam bowlers with handsome back-foot shots to the cover boundary.

His century included 20 fours and came in two and a half hours. It was the third of his career, which is now reaching the stage where he need no longer be described as the son of the Test and County Cricket Board secretary. His partner, Toogood, with a narrower range of strokes, gave solid support in a stay which lasted more than four hours.



John Carr on his way to 115 yesterday

Toogood was content to play second fiddle, at one stage scoring six runs while Carr made his last 61 before taking a ungainly swipe at Marks.

Turner, on his second first-class appearance for Somerset, made the early breakthrough and showed promise with a smooth high action before he had to leave the field with a stained knee. Marks found some turn in the slow pitch and Botham, well protected against the cold, contented himself on a leisurely day with a few overs of gentle off spin, a catch at second slip and lots of laughs. The serious business comes later.

SOMERSET: First innings 361 for 1 dec (J G Wyatt 145, P M Roebuck 123 not out, N F M Popplewell 67 not out; Bowling: Thorne, 15-3-49-0; Dunlan, 21-5-65-1; Toogood, 21-3-70-0; Lawrence, 25-3-87-0; Carr, 38-8-79-0)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY First Innings

*A J T Miller c Botham b Turner	5
W R Bristowe, b Turner	4
G J Toogood, c Gard b Davis	59
J D Carr, b Marks	115
D A Thorne, c Wyatt b Booth	31
† J G Franks, not out	10
T Patel, not out	12
Extras (b 4, n-b 8)	10
Total (5 wkts)	247

R S Rutnagur, C G M Tooley, M P Lawrence and J D Dunlan did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–8, 2–11, 3–165, 4–223, 5–227

BOWLING: Davis, 21-7-35-1; Turner, 8.1-2-20-2; Palmer, 20-6-59-0; Booth, 19-7-62-1; Popplewell, 6.5-1-41-0; Marks, 14-7-15-1; Botham, 5-1-13-0.

Umpires: H D Bird and D J Thompsett.

No-balls debited to bowlers' analyses.

● Mike Newell, an opening batsman, and Chris Scott, the reserve wicket-keeper, have been chosen for Nottinghamshire for their opening match against Cambridge University at Fenner's today.

Plundering Gooch maintains form

By Richard Streeton

FENNER'S: Cambridge University drew with Essex.

Nobody blamed Essex on a bitterly cold day for putting the emphasis on practice and self-preservation. Hardie, McEwan and Gooch, each in a different tempo, plundered all the runs they wanted. They also achieved the twin benefits of providing entertainment and ensuring that the match went the distance.

Fletcher finally declared 444 runs ahead, by which time Essex were left to field for only two hours in a wind which might have come from a Siberian winter. It invoked memories of the 1981 match here between the same sides, when the umpires took the players off because it was too cold.

Messrs Constant and David Lloyd did nothing as drastic this time, though Constant stood all day in gloves and with a skier's woollen blue and white bobble hat pulled down over his ears.

McEwan made 110 before lunch, Hardie, meanwhile, never deserted his customary diligent style.

But Hardie finally reached his century after batting 217 minutes. The declaration came when Gooch holed out to deep square leg off Scott, a left-arm seamer.

ESSEX: First Innings 338 for 6 dec (G A Gooch 99, K W R Fletcher 56 not out, K R Pont 65)

Second Innings

P J Prichard, b Ellison	10
B R Hardie, not out	112
†D E East, c Cotterell b Grimes	2
K S McEwan, C Fell b Gorman	110
G A Gooch, c Ahluwalia b Scott	88
Extras (b 1, l-b 3, w 1)	5
Total (4 wkts dec)	327

A W Lilley, *K W R Fletcher, K R Pont, J K Lever, J H Childs and D L Acfield did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–19, 2–28, 3–186, 4–327.

BOWLING: Grimes, 15-2-84-1; Ellison, 18-3-80-1; Scott, 11.3-1-83-1; Cotterell, 4-1-19-0; Gorman, 13-3-78-1; Lea, 1-0-8-0.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 222 for 5 dec (D J Fell 85, T A Cotterell 69 not out)

Second Innings

A E Lea, not out	31
N S Ahluwalia, run out	1
D J Fell, c Pont b Acfield	32
D G Price, not out	0
Total (2 wkts)	69

P G P Roebuck, †A G Davies, *T A Cotterell, S R Gorman, C C Ellison, A D H Grimes and A M G Scott did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–5, 2–66.

BOWLING: Lever, 5-4-4-0; Pont, 8-3-12-0; Childs, 16-8-23-0; Acfield 12-4-30-0.

Umpires: D J Constant and D Lloyd.

Wide debited to bowler's analyses.

FOR THE RECORD

BOXING

ROTTERDAM: European light-heavyweight championship: A Blanchard, holder (Neth) drew with R Gennarelle (Fr) and retained title.

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE, LONDON: Professional tournament: Light welterweight (six rounds): Jimmy Harrison (Wandsworth) bt Elmer Henry (Norwich), first round. Lightweight (six rounds): Terry Smith (Smithfield) bt Les Remice (Croydon), pts. Heavyweight (six rounds): Denroy Bovant (Sweden) bt Ralph Irving (Brighton) pts.

Light Heavyweight Championship of Ireland (10 rnds): Harry Cowap (Dublin) bt Johnjo Greene (Donegal), pts. Lightweight (6rnds): Paul McKenzie (Groton bt Earnonn Payne (Norwich), pts.

BASEBALL

UNITED STATES: American League: Cleveland Indians 8, Detroit Tigers 4; Kansas City Royals 2, Toronto Blue Jays 0; Texas Rangers 8, Baltimore Orioles 1; Milwaukee Brewers 4, Chicago White Sox 2; Minnesota Twins 9, Seattle Mariners 5; California Angels 8, Oakland Athletics 1. National League: Philadelphia Phillies 8, Montreal Expos 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 5, Chicago Cubs 3; Houston Astros 4, Cincinnati Reds 1; New York Mets 7, St Louis Cardinals 6; San Diego Padres 5, Atlanta Braves 3; Los Angeles Dodgers 3, San Francisco Giants 2.

TENNIS

ATLANTA: WCT champions: First round: (US unless stated): R Krishnan (India) bt S Gammuhva 6–4, 7–6 (7–0); P Cash (Aust) bt J Lapidus 6–8, 6–1, 6–4; L Shiras bt R Green 6–3, 6–7, (2–7, 6–3; S Denton bt B Becker (WG) 6–7, (5–7), 6–4, 7–6, (7–5); B Gilbert bt C Honey (SA) 6–3, 6–2; K Curren bt C an Rensburg (SA) 6–3, 6–3; P Annacone bt T Moor 6–3, 7–5; D Pate bt M Perritors (Swe) 6–3, 7–6, (14–12).

LAKE BUENA VISTA: WTA Tournament of Champions: First round: K Maleeva (Bul) bt N Dias (Br) 6–1, 6–2; A M Cecchi (It) bt M Paz (Arg) 4–6, 7–6, (7–5), 6–2; D Spence (US) bt O Tsarbotoulou (Gr) 6–2, 6–1.

WTA LEADING EARNINGS (US unless otherwise stated): 1, M Navratilova, $600,187; 2, C Lloyd, $375,687; 3, H Mandlikova (Cz), $263,067; 4, H Sukova (Cz), $184,825; 5, Z Garrison, $116,800; 6, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), $109,475; 7, C Bassett (Can), $93,000; 8, K Jordan, $86,675; 9, C Lindqvist (Swe), $80,675; 10, P Shriver, $64,500.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, J McEnroe (US); 2, I Lendl (Cz); 3, J Connors (US); 4, M Wilander (Swe); 5, A Gomez (Ec); 6, A Jarryd (Swe); 7, K Curren (SA); 8, A Krickstein (US); 9, P Cash (Aust); 10, J Nystrom (Swe).

DAN DIEGO: Virginia Slims tournament: First round (US unless stated): B Nagelsen (Aust) bt C Vanier (Fr), 6–3, 6–1; A Henrickssan bt K Cummings, 6–2 6–2; E Tal bt C Benjamin, 6–1, 6–2; B Herr bt L Spain-Short, 4–6, 7–5, (7–2), 6–1; Hu Na bt M Quinlan, 6–2, 7–5; M Gurney bt T Holladay, 6–4, 6–3; M L Piatex bt P Medrado (Br).

QUEENS CLUB: LTA tournament: Men's singles, First rounds: S Youl (Aus) bt M Walker 6–4, 6–2; R Drysdale bt L Morris (Aus) 7–5, 6–4; N Rakwood bt M Kratzmen (Aus) 3–6, 6–3, 6–1; S Stefanki bt P Russell 6–0, 6–3; P Lundgren bt M Robinson 6–2, 6–0; C Allegardh (Swe) bt L Rusinek (US) 6–1, 6–3; M Barco (Aus) bt J Goodell 7–6, 6–2; M Christendsen (Den) bt D Imonitie (Nig) 6–2, 6–3; M Ellincow bt D Howell (US) 1–6, 6–4, 6–2; B Custer (Aus) bt P Flynn (Aus) 6–4, 6–3; D Stone (US) bt D Pelgate 2–6, 7–6, 6–3; P Johnston (Aus) bt M Bellini (It) 6–7, 7–6, 6–3.

Womens singles, first round: M Mendez (Arg) bt M Dewoulers (Bel) 6–3, 3–1, rtd; J Wood bt D Hansel (US) 6–4, 7–5; E Folcher (Fr) bt H Manuel (US) 6–4, 6–2; D Moise (Rom) bt B Borneo 6–3, 6–2; A K Olsson (Swe) bt I Crudo (Fr) 7–5, 7–5; K Karlsson (Swe) bt S Sullivan 6–4, 5–7, 9–8; D van Rensburg (SA) bt B Fulco (Arg) 6–1, 7–6; J Tacon bt E Reinsch (SA) 6–2, 6–2; L Pennington bt L Gracie 7–6, 3–6, 8–3; E Wallner (WG) bt A Gulley (Aus) 6–4, 6–2; J Louis bt H H Olsson (Swe) 6–3, 6–4; K Okamoto (Jap) bt S Mair (Scot) 6–4, 2–6, 9–7; E Ekblom (Swe) bt N Lusty 6–1, 6–1.

MARBELLA: Grand Prix tournament: Postponed to today because of rain.

NEW YORK: Grand Prix standings: 1, J McEnroe (US) 1,175pts; 2, T Mayotte (US) 692; 3, S Davis (US) 654; 4, J Connors (US) 558; 5, I Lendl (Cz) 550; 6, T Smid (Cz) 536; 7, A Jarryd (Swe) 502; 8, M Mecir (Cz) 502; 9, S Edberg (Swe) 492; 10, M Wilander (Swe) 465.

ICE HOCKEY

PRAGUE: World championship: East Germany 4, Finland 4; Czechoslovakia 4, Canada 4.

CYCLING

VALLADOLID: Tour of Spain: Prologue (5.8km time trial): 1, B Gosserbosch (Neth), 6 min 25.2 sec; 2, M Indurain (Sp), 8.9 sec behind.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Knock-out cup, first leg: Exeter 58, Barrow 20. National League: Southampton 56, Hackney 41. League Cup: Reading 45, Cradley Heath 33; Wolverhampton 43, Ipswich 35.

GOLF

PGA TOUR LEADING EARNINGS (US unless stated): 1, C Stanga, $389,265; 2, C Peete, $274,030; 3, B Langer (WG), $256,667; 4, C Stadler, $218,864; 5, M O'Meara, $216,465; 6, L Wadkins, $215,865; 7, F Zoeller, $143,261; 8, T Watson, $138,532; 9, F Couples, $131,646; 10, M Smith, $131,109.

RIFLE SHOOTING

MEXICO CITY: World air championships: Men's Individual: 1, P Hebvris (Fr), 588; 2, B Suess (WG), 587; 3, A Kronthaler (Austria), 586. Teams: 1, France, 1,735; 2, Yugoslavia, 1,746; 3, West Germany, 1,745. Junior: 1, M Escoffier (Fr), 578; 2, F Badiov (Fr) and 3, " leynavira (Fin), both 574. Womens air pistol: 1, M Dobrancheva (USSR), 394; 2, I Aschokova (USSR), 381; 3, M Karlsson (Sw), 379.

BOARD SAILING

OMAEZAKI, Japan: World cup: First leg event postponed because of lack of wind.

HOCKEY

SUSSEX CUP, Final: East Grinstead 2, Lewes 1.

Zico injured

Udine (AP) – Zico, the Brazilian who plays for Udinese in the Italian league, will be out of action a week after injuring his leg during Sunday's match against Roma.

Surgery for Duncan

Colin Duncan, the Reading midfield player, has been ruled out for the rest of the season. Duncan, formerly of Gillingham, has a cyst behind his knee and will require surgery in the close season.

Cup setback

The British syndicate which has challenged through the Royal Thames Yacht Club for the America's Cup have had a temporary setback (John Nicholls writes). Whisstock's Boatyard in Woodbridge, Suffolk, which has received the order to build the first to two 12-metre yachts, is in the hands of receivers and its premises and assets are for sale. Work had not started on the boat and negotiations are under way to transfer the order to another yard.

City rivalry takes an unlikely turn

Mets upstage Yankees in New York baseball

Even the sunsets over Manhattan lately have shimmered a partisan orange and blue – the slightly garish colours of the New York Mets. In answer to this heavenly tribute, the team that was once the weakest joke in baseball, finishing last or next to last in the National League East for seven successive seasons, is now top of the hill.

A full house at Shea Stadium, more than 50,000, rejoiced when the Mets beat the St Louis Cardinals on Opening Day. But less than eight miles away, the inmates of Yankee Stadium were reacting to the Mets' triumph with very different feelings.

Before last year the rivalry between the Mets and the Yankees had been fairly one-sided. The "Metropolitans" were formed in 1962, and apart from one World Series victory in 1969 and one National League Championship in 1973, even the Mets' own general manager had to admit: "We were a terrible ball club."

The 82-year-old Yankees, meanwhile, had amassed what Americans insist on calling the "winningest" record in American sports, including 22 World Series. But the Yanks most recently won the World Series in 1978, and to culminate the disastrous silver shortage which followed, the Mets did the irregular in 1984: They won more games than they lost.

Not only that, they also came within hailing distance of the National League East winner, the Chicago Cubs, and for one brief moment held the division lead. The Yankees finished a dismal third in the American League East.

So far this season, the teams have played to form. The Mets won their first five games to make the best start in their history – the Yankees

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lost their first four in a row, including a horribly embarrassing 14-5 defeat by their own reserve side in Ohio.

George Steinbrenner is hopping mad. Steinbrenner owns 55 per cent of The Yankees, but the remaining 45 per cent is either invisible, insensible or just plain exhausted by now. As one of his ex-partners said: "There is nothing quite so limited as being a limited partner of George Steinbrenner." A Florida shipbuilder by trade, Steinbrenner describes this ball club as his "ego fickler" but admits he prefers his racehorses to ball players "because horses don't talk to the press."

Even so, he dominates the New York sports pages. When the Yanks lost 14-5 to the Boston Redsox in the second game of the season, Steinbrenner raged: "Our pitching stinks, they know they stink. I'm not going to let this staff continue." The headline writers love him.

"He's a maniac," said the Mets pitcher, Ron Darling, blessing the distance from which the Mets' owner, the publisher Nelson Doubleday, operates his team. Steinbrenner took over the club in 1973 and has since indulged in an orgy of management and player changes.

"Being number one is definitely a phobia with George Steinbrenner," observed the Mets' first baseman, Keith Hernadez. "We're his demon. we were the number one team in the city last year and he can't stand that."

TENNIS

Swedes to demand rule change

Stockport (Reuters) – The Swedish tennis federation will demand a change in Davis Cup rules to avoid a repetition of the problems surrounding Sweden's tie against Chile in which three leading players could not take part.

Rolf Ledin, secretary of the federation, said Sweden wanted players who had signed up for exhibition matches to be able to cancel their commitment if the tournament clashed with Davis Cup ties. "It's absurd that such a rule applies to grand prix tournaments, but not to exhibition play," he said.

The Davis Cup holders' problems began when their tie in March against Chile was postponed because of earthquakes before the match. Sweden had to drop Mats Wilander, Anders Jarryd and Joakim Nystrom from their team for the tie when it was eventually played last weekend, because they were already committed to an exhibition tournament in Houston. Sweden beat Chile 4-1.

"The absence of rules in such a case only indicated it is the tennis players' agents who decide in the tennis world, and not the International Tennis Federation," Ledin said. He added that it was too late for Sweden to put forward a formal proposal at the ITF annual meeting in Barcelona in July but he felt it was an issue which the ITF board could decide on its own.

Fulwood wins

Nick Fulwood, Britain's No 11, maintained his recent sparkling form when he beat Mark Kratzman, the world junior champion, 3–6, 6–3, 6–1 in the LTA's tournament at Queen's Club yesterday, and set himself up for a Wimbledon wild card.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Grounds for a decision

By Keith Macklin

The search for a new ground for Fulham next season has been narrowed to two venues. Fulham will be leaving Crystal Palace National Sports Centre at the end of this season, and the team manager, Roy Lester, said yesterday that the club would move to either Wealdstone Football Club or to Chiswick Polytechnic. "Both Chiswick and Wealdstone want us to go there, and there is tremendous enthusiasm for Rugby League, particulary at Wealdstone, where we had an attendance of nearly 1,000 for a recent game," Lester said.

Fulham are appealing to Wigan, Hull and other supporters travelling down to London for the Cup final next weekend, to go to Wealdstone on Friday night before Wembley, when Fulham entertain the champions of the second division, Swinton.

Steve Hampson, the young Wigan full back, who broke his leg shortly before last year's Wembley final, is returning to fitness

IN BRIEF

Crosby family's ties with tournament cut

San Francisco (AP) – Bing Crosby's widow has severed the family's ties with the Bing Crosby national golf tournament because of what she said were attempts to commercialize it.

Deane Beman director of the PGA tour, said the event will go on with a new name and new sponsorship. He said Kathry Crosby's characterization of events involving the tournament at Pebble Beach, was erroneous.

BOXING: Frank Bruno's European heavyweight championship bout against Anders Ecklund (Sweden) at Wembley Arena has been postponed from May 14 to June 25. The European Boxing Union have allowed Ecklund an extension because of a hand injury but, at the request of the promoter, Mike Barrett, have asked their executive committee to nominate an alternative opponent. If Ecklund withdraws from the new date, the EBU will strip him of the title and Bruno will box whoever is nominated for the title, the winner to defend against Ecklund.

SHOOTING: France dominated the first day of the fourth world air rifle championships in Mexico City. Philippe Heberle took the individual title with 588 points. France won the team title with 1,752 and Michel Escoffier the junior title with 578.

TENNIS: Hu Na, who defected from the People's Republic of China in 1982 beat Maeve Quinlan (United States) 6-2, 7-5 in the first round of a Virginia Slims women's tournament at San Diego.

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RACING: STELLA GRANDE TO JOIN STABLE-COMPANION MERLE IN 1,000 GUINEAS

Evidence points to Presidium in Epsom trial

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Last year's Free Handicap, coupled with the excellent overall form of Henry Cecil's Newmarket stable, points to Presidium being capable of winning the Racal-Vodafone Blue Riband Trial Stakes at Epsom today. In the Free Handicap, Presidium was placed a pound above Khozaam and considerably more above his stable companion, Concorde Affair, Tickly Bender and Middlesex.

Khozaam, who ended his two-year-old career by running such a game second to Reach in the Royal Lodge Stakes, after winning his first three races at Ascot, Lingfield Park, and Newbury, is a particular favourite of mine, and his name may well be on many a short list come Derby day.

However, recent events have shown that, generally speaking, horses trained in Berkshire and Wiltshire are not nearly as forward this year as their Newmarket counter-parts. In the circumstances it will not be surprising if Khozaam, from Peter Walwyn's Lambourn yard, is beaten by Presidium.

My selection was due to contest the Greenham Stakes at Newbury last Saturday, but did not do so because he knocked a hock the day before. However, it transpired that that injury was so superficial that Cecil felt it perfectly safe to launch Lord Howard de Walden's half brother to Kris on his way today just five days later.

Last season Presidium won his first race very easily at Yarmouth before finishing second to Local Suitor in the Mill Reef stakes at Newbury. At the time that form had a waterlight look about it, and I know that Presidium has done all that has been asked of him in the run-up to this season.

Like Khozaam Middlesex comes from a stable that has been slow to get into its customary rhythm. The same, though, cannot be said of Lord Grundy, who is trained by Michael Stoute. By the horse that won the 1975 Derby and out of the dam of that fast filly Marwell, Lord Grundy showed that he had inherited his parents' resolution when winning over a mile at Sandown Park at the end of last season.

Following an encouraging effort behind Lobkowicz at Kempton Park Corinth has a fair chance of winning the Great Metropolitan Handicap for Ian Balding.

Tony Ives is another whose journey to the South Yorkshire course could easily be doubly rewarded. Sharp Line, his mount in the Beast Fair Stakes, is a nippy colt by Sharpen Up and is thought capable in Newmarket of coping with those against him with some form. Cherry Hill, whom Ives rides in the Fryston Stakes, is napped to take advantage of the conditions to beat that useful hurdler, The Clown, who was last seen running so well behind the smart Sailor's Dance at Liverpool. Cherry Hill's placed form at York and Ascot last Summer suggests he should not remain a maiden for much longer.

Course specialists

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Trainers: H Cecil 9 winners from 27 runners, 33.3%; G Lewis 19 from 72, 26.4%; J Dunlop 17 from 68, 25.0%.

JOCKEYS: L Piggott 37 winners from 140 rides, 26.4%; W Carson 31 from 133, 23.3%; P Waldron 15 from 71, 21.2%.

PONTEFRACT

TRAINERS: I Balding 13 winners from 36 rides, 36.1%; W O'Gorman 6 from 17, 35.3%; B Hills 11 from 33, 33.3%.

JOCKEYS: J Matthias 11 winners from 36 rides, 30.5%; S Raymond 12 from 59, 20.3%; P Cook 9 from 45, 20.0%.

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Sheather to mount dual challenge

By Michael Seely

Ron Sheather provided a 33-1 surprise when Ray Cochrane drove Stella Grande to a narrow if lucky victory over Dubian in the Princess Elizabeth Stakes at Epsom yesterday. Morning Devotion, a short-priced favourite at 11-8 on to continue Michael Stoute's remarkable run of success, finished a well-beaten sixth.

The trainer of Chief Singer now intends to run both yesterday's winner and Merle, who came home strongly when third to Top Socialite in the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury, against Oh So Sharp in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Thursday week. "I am not yet convinced tha Henry's filly is a star," the trainer said. "My view is that it's always worth having a go at the cracks if you think they're overrated."

Dubian was a desperately unlucky loser. Alec Stewart's High Line filly was caught in a pocket against the rails a quarter of a mile from home. By the time Pat Eddery had extricated the filly, there were four horses in front of them with only a furlong to go. Dubian was flying at the finish but the post came a few strides too soon. However, the bookmakers' view of the value of this form is probably correct. They are prepared to offer 33-1 against Stella Grande for the Guineas.

Eddery's misfortunes on Dubian were certainly not of his own making, but the former champion appeared to make a rare error of judgement on Mailman in the City and Suburban Handicap. Nearly last rounding Tattenham Corner with only three furlongs still to run, Ian Balding's consistent six-year-old then made ground to such purpose that he was only half a length behind Redden at the post.

Arthur Pitt was thrilled with the success of his 25-1 outsider. "I only wish that Brian Swift had been alive to see that," the Epsom trainer said. "He won the Woodcote Stakes with him as a two-year-old. I bought him cheaply at Newmarket last year as a schoolmaster for the apprentices in the yard and I only booked Chris Rutter to ride him today because I thought the lad had ridden so well when he beat my horse, Tom Forrester, at Lingfield."



Stella Grande holds off Dubian (centre) and Jolly Saint (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Many horses run on the flat after a winter course of hurdling, but Pitt plans the reverse tactics with Redden. "He's never jumped a hurdle in public in his life, but his owners are desperately keen to run him at Huntingdon on Whit Monday."

Morning Devotion was not the only horse of Stoute's to disappoint during the afternoon as Immortal Prince also finished unplaced behind King Luthier, Geoff Lewis's five-length winner of the Warren Stakes.

"Morning Devotion was very disappointing." However, Stoute was quick to scotch the adverse rumours about Shadeed, the 5-4 favourite for the 2,000 Guineas. "Shadeed missed a couple of days work, but he's cantering again now and he's fine."

King Luthier's victory gave both Lewis and Joe Mercer their first success of the season, although the three-year-old had previously won easily at Warwick before being disqualified for causing interference to the third. "I think a lot of this horse," the trainer said. "He's a much better animal than Rough Pearl was at the same time last year." King Luthier now travels to Rome for the Italian Derby on May 12.

The afternoon had started on a high note for Elaine Mellor when this talented rider brought No-U-Turn with a well-timed run to catch Petit Pain in the final strides of the Farriers Invitation Private Stakes.

"That was the thrill of a lifetime," Mrs Mellor said after recording the 49th success of her career in the saddle. "There were no problems. No-U-Turn was always going well and did everything I asked of him. It was fantastic to ride into the Derby winner's enclosure."

HORSE TRIALS

Badminton principals in separate classes

By Jenny MacArthur

Virginia Holgate and Mark Todd, first and second at last week's Badminton Horse Trials, are competing in different classes in today's Tidworth Army Horse Trials, sponsored by MacConnal-Mason Thornycroft.

Miss Holgate is giving the promisin six-year-old, Welton Elan, an outing in the intermediate class, in which the opposition includes David Green, Richard Walker, and Richard Meade, all back in the saddle after bad falls at Badminton. Todd competes in the open intermediate class on Robert The Devil, a horse he is riding for Lizzie Purbrick, who is having a baby. Todd, described by Lucinda Green as the finest horseman in the world, has not yet sat on the horse.

Todd will also ride his own Joint Venture in tomorrow's high class novice competition, in which entries include Captain Mark Phillips with Country Boy and Bold Approach, Robert le Mieux with Rising Damp and Harvest Maker, Polly Schwerdt, twelfth at Badminton on the brilliant little Dylan II with Welton Tomoptol and Delphy Luke, and Bridget Parker.

Mrs Parker's 18-year-old daughter, Katie, is among the 24 entries in the young Riders' open intermediate section. Miss Parker is riding Ballymyth and, although this is a new partnership – she took over the ride from her mother last year – they proved at Crookham in March that it is also a winning one.

Sandown acceptors

WHITBREAD GOLD CUP: Special Cargo, Straight Accord, West Tip, A Kinsman, Duke Of Milan, Fethard Friend, Andromia, Kumbi, Skegby, Rhyme N'Reason, Shady Deal, Manton Castle, Doubtful Venture, Charter Party, Why Forget, By The Way, Dumper, Broadheath, Seamus O'Flynn, Mill Day Sun, Fred Pittner, Saunders, Powder Horn, Arabian Music, Bright Cassis, Membridge, Halston's Flair, Almighty Zeus, Ashford. To be run on Saturday, April 27.

GOLF

Match-play is back with merit money

By Mitchell Platts

Europe's leading money winner this season will be denied a £25,000 bonus if he refuses to compete in a new match-play tournament next year. Epson (UK) Limited, a Japanese computer company, have instituted a £787,000 sponsorship for the next three years which links the European order of merit with their match-play event.

The prize-money distribution for this year's order of merit is similar to that for last season, when Sperry were the sponsors, with £100,000 to be split among the leading 10 players and £25,000 going to the leader.

Epson will not pay the money if the leading player refuses to commit himself to their match-play tournament which will begin in 1986 with a prize fund of £100,000. In 1987, when a contract for nation-wide telvision is likely to be signed, the revamped match-play event will be worth £250,000.

George O'Grady, the managing director of the PGA European Tour Enterprises, said: "We are delighted that match-play is returning to our calendar for the first time since 1979".

Epson have pledged their support for the order of merit with a guaranteed increase to £150,000 in 1986, rising to £175,000 in 1987, when the leader would receive £40,000.

Epson are seeking a long-term commitment from golfers like Bernhard Langer, the United States Master champion, and Nick Faldo. Langer, who was the European No 1 last season, and Faldo have been refused appearance money by Whyte and Mackay, sponsors of the PGA championship at Wentworth next month, and have instead decided to compete in the Memorial tournament on the US circuit.

The Epson Grand Prix of Europe will be played early in 1986, with a field of 32.

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Going: GOOD

Draw advantage: 5f-1m, low numbers best

2.0 E B F HYDE PARK MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £1,618: 5f) (8 runners)

101		BE POSITIVE (A Spence) J Berry 9-0	W Carson	5
102		BLUE GROUND (H Joel) A Ingham 9-0	G Starkey	8
103	2	CRONK'S QUALITY (Cronk Garages Ltd) Mrs S Swift 9-0	J Reid	3
105	0	FORMIDABLE GEORGE (G Steinberg) K Ivory 9-0	M Wigham	1
106		HARRY SCOTT (Mrs S Al-Mulla) K Brassey 9-0	K Radcliffe	7
107		SANDRON (F Starr) B Stevens 9-0	D McKay	2
108	3	SITZCARRALDO (BF) (P Davies) R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery	6
111	8	POSITIVE APPROACH (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 8-11	B Rouse	4

1984: Silent Flutter 9-0 Pat Eddery (4-7 fav) Mrs C Reavey 5 ran.

8-4 Cronk's Quality, 7-2 Be Positive, 4 Sitzcarraldo, 6 Blue Ground, Harry Scott, 14 others.

FORM: CRONK'S QUALITY (8-11) short head 2nd of 12 to Running Edge (8-11) at Doncaster (5f, £2,996, good to soft, Mar 21). FORMIDABLE GEORGE (8-11) out of first 9 of 13 to Dons Chorus (8-9) at Folkestone (5f, £882, Mar 25, soft). SITZCARRALDO (8-0) 3l 3rd of 8 to Parkies Bap (8-11) at Leicester (5f, £919, heavy, Mar 26).
Selection: CRONKS QUALITY.

Epsom selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Cronk's Quality. 2.35 Corinth. 3.5 Presidium. 3.35 Clantime. 4.10 Lady Eurolink. 4.40 Our Jock. 5.10 Al-Aabir.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.35 Russian Noble. 3.5 Presidium. 3.35 Camps Heath. 4.10 Sojourn. 4.40 Daring Way. 5.10 Al-Aabir.

By Michael Seely

2.0 Cronk's Quality. 2.34 Quickstep.

2.35 GREAT METROPOLITAN HANDICAP (£4,051: 1m 4f) (14)

201	411/0-4	CORINTH (G Strawbridge) I Balding 4-10-0	Pat Eddery	11
203	2212-	RUSSIAN NOBLE (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 4-9-9	W R Swinburn	12
203	32120-8	LIBRATE (CD) (S Maise) J Bradley 4-9-6	P Waldron	10
204	14000-0	TRAPEZE ARTIST (Introgroup Holding) N Vigors 4-8-5	J Reid	4
206	311023-	ROSTOVA (W Gredley) C Britain 4-9-2	S Cauthen	1
207	03040-8	MOON JESTER (D) (T Marshall) M Usher 5-8-13	D McKay	5
208	614-113	PERCHANCE (D) (P Locke) P Cundell 5-8-13 (5ex)	Al Adams	14
210	4021-	IN THE SHADE (D) (C Harper) D Elsworth 5-8-5	B Rouse	6
211	202024-	QUICKSTEP (M Pipe) M Pipe 5-8-7	J Piggott	9
212	23000-0	SUGAR PALM (D Goldstein) R Hannon 4-8-4	L Jones	7
214	300-030	WIDD (D) (T Mills) D Mills 5-8-2	E Johnson	8
215	140/0-4	JANUS (CD) (BF) (K Lillie) Mrs N Smith 7-8-2	T Williams	3
217	34300-1	ROYAL CRAFTSMAN (D) (M Ingram) Mrs N Smith 4-7-8 (5 ex)	D Brown	2
218	000004-	SPARKLER SPIRT (Sparkler Filters) A Pitt 4-7-7	R Fox	3

1984: Chaka 8-8-0 E Johnstone (11-2 jt-fav) I Balding 13 ran.

6 Quicksep, 5 Percase, 7 Russian Noble, Rostova, 8 Moon Jester, Royal Craftsman, 10 Corinth, Janus, 12 In The Shade, 14 others.

FORM: CORINTH (9-10) 1¾l 4th of 14 to Lobkowicz (8-0) at Kempton (1m 4f h'cap, £8,215, heavy, Apr 13) with MOON JESTER (8-9) 3l away 6th, LIBERATE (9-2) and TRAPEZE ARTIST (8-1) both out of first 9. RUSSIAN NOBLE (9-1) short head 2nd of 7 to Cassandra (8-8) at York (1m 4f, £3,586, good, Sept 5). ROSTOVA (8-0) 8l 3rd of 16 to Old Hubert (8-10) at Newbury (1m 5f h'cap, £3,331, heavy, Oct 25). PERCHANCE (9-4) 1½l 2nd of 10 to Camden Lock (7-7) at Thirsk (1m 4f, £2,117, good to soft, Apr 20). IN THE SHADE (8-5) beat Half Asleep (8-5) 3l at Redcar (1m 4f mdn, £888, good to soft, Nov 1, 16 ran). QUICKSTEP (7-10) 5½l 4th of 12 to Kingsdwick (7-13) at Newmarket (1m 4f h'cap, £4,930, good Oct 19). WIDD (9-7) 7½l 3rd of 10 to Southern Dynasty (8-3) at Folkestone (1m 4f h'cap, £1,145, soft, Apr 15) with JANUS (9-7) 2½l away 4th. Two seasons ago JANUS (7-10) beat Earls Court (7-8) 7l over today's course and distance (£5,618, good to soft, June 3, 1983). ROYAL CRAFTSMAN (8-9) beat Biddable (8-3) a head at Brighton (1m 4f h'cap, £2,138, good to soft, Apr 11, 5 ran) with SUGAR PALM (9-10 2½l away 6th and WIDD (9-8) 9th.
Selection: JANUS.

3.5 RACAL-VODAFONE BLUE RIBAND TRIAL STAKES (Group III: 3-y-o: colts & geldings: £23,940: 1m 110yd) (8)

301	11-	CONCORDE AFFAIR (Mrs Ty Schaumann) H Cecil 8-8	Paul Eddery	2
302	23010-9	KENTUCKY QUEST (C) (Mrs B Davis) R Harmon 8-8	G Starkey	5
303	1112-	KHOZAAM (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-8	J Mercer	3
305	3221-	LIGHTNING DEALER (H Mandell) P Kelleway 8-8	Pat Eddery	4
306	01-	LORD GRUNDY (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-8	W R Swinburn	1
308	3134-	MIDDLESEX (R Anderson) B Hills 8-8	M Hills	6
309	12-	PRESIDIUM (Ld H de Walden) H Cecil 8-8	S Cauthen	7
312	00113-0	TICKLY BENDER (Farthing Co Ltd) R Armstrong 8-8	L Piggott	8

1984: Long Pond 8-6 G Duffield (14-1) P Kelleway 11 ran.

3 Presidium, 9-4 Khozaam, 7-2 Lord Grundy, 6 Concorde Affair, 10 Tickly Bender, 14 Middlesex, 16 Lightning Dealer, 25 Kentucky Quest.

FORM: CONCORDE AFFAIR (9-2) eaby 5l Sundown winner from IMPRESSIVE REWARD (8-4) (6f, £7,965, good to soft, Oct 15, 18 ran). KHOZAAM (8-11) head 2nd to Reach (8-11) at Ascot (6f, £19, 011, good, Sep 29, 8 ran). LORD GRUNDY (8-11) beat Cashmere (8-11) 2½l at Sandown (6f, £2,843, good to soft, Oct 15, 12 ran). PRESIDIUM (8-11) 1½l 2nd to Local Suitor (8-11) at Newbury (6f, £16,350, good, Sep 22, 12 ran). TICKLY BENDER (8-12) 7l 8th to Over The Ocean (8-11) at Newmarket (7f h'cap, £16,466, good Apr 17, 11 ran).
Selection: KHOZAAM.

3.35 MINORU HANDICAP (£3,028: 5f) (13)

401	3140-34	AMIGO LOCO (D) (J Ll K Brassey 4-10-0	S Whitworth	3
404	0000-00	SINGING SAILOR (D) (Introgroup Holdings) R Hannon 6-9-9	J Piggott	3
405	03000-8	CLANTIME (CD) (Clantime Ltd) J Berry 4-9-7	Pat Eddery	8
406	210000-	LITTLE STARCHY (CD) (J Fletcher) G Gracey 7-9-5	R Fox	5
407	0100600-	MY LOVE (D) (T Mills) A Ingham 4-9-2	G Starkey	11
408	000230-	SIR EDEN (CD) (G Robinson) J Berry 11-9-2	W Carson	9
409	340010-0	DARING DISPLAY (D) (Ld McAlpine) R Smyth 4-9-12	S Cauthen	4
410	264100-	BARNET HEIR (CD) (R Walton) Mrs S Swift 7-8-7	J Adams	7 12
411	0000-00	SCHULA (D) (J Greaves) H O'Neill 5-8-1	S Dawson	3 2
412	12004-0	RAPID MISS (D) (D Cooper) Mrs N Macauley 5-8-0	A Mackay	10
413	402-394	CAMPS HEATH (A Whitesides) F Durr 4-7-12	-	7
414	3100-31	MUSIC MACHINE (D Thompson) P Haslam 4-7-10	T Williams	3 13
415	00/00-4	WINDY LAD (Mrs P Hughes) D Wilson 6-7-7	C Rutter	5 6

1984: Spark Chief 5-9-3 Pat Eddery (7-2 fav) F Durr 11 ran.

9-2 Music Machine, 5 Bri-Eden, 6 Amigo Loco, 7 Camps Heath, 8 Daring Display, Clantime, 10 Singing Sailor, My Louise, 12 Little Starchy, 14 others.

FORM: AMIGO LOCO (9-7) 7l 4th to Chapel Cottage (8-11) at Thirsk (6f, £7,635, good to soft, Apr 20, 10 ran); earlier (9-3)) close 3rd to Ardrox Lad (8-3) with CLANTIME (9-3) 8½l away 7th (5f, £3,348, soft, Apr 3, 8 ran). Last year CLANTIME (8-12) beat Dealt (7-7) a neck at Chester (5f £4,129, good to firm, May 8, 14 ran). SINGING SAILOR, two poor efforts this year, last showed form when (9-1) 3 ½l 6th to Deputy Head (8-7) at Ascot (5f, £3,385, good to soft, Oct 13, 22 ran). LITTLE STARCHY (8-11) out of first 10 then, but earlier (9-5) beat Saint Crespin Boy (8-8) a neck over today's course and distance with CLANTIME (9-1) back in 7th (£4,501, good to soft, June 7, 11 ran). MY LOVE (9-0) beat Sound Of The Sea (9-8) ½l at Goodwood with BARNET HEIR (8-12) 6l away 9th (5f, £2,519, good, Sep 17, 11 ran). MUSIC MACHINE (8-11) beat Eastbrook (8-4) 1l at Ripon (6f, £1,384, soft, Apr 17, 11 ran).
Selection: CLANTIME.

4.10 RACAL ELECTRONICS HANDICAP (3-y-o fillies: £3,869: 1m 110yd) (12)

501	312120	SHURDOO (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-7	A Murray	11
503	002134-	BEVERIDGE (Hesmonds Stud) J Dunlop 9-2	W Carson	8
504	01-	SOJOURN (R Sangster) M Stoute 8-13	W R Swinburn	9
505	20120-	AXIOM (Mrs J de Rothschild) B Hobbs 8-12	G Baxter	7
506	24120-0	ENGLISH SPRING (BF) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11	Pat Eddery	4
507	034-	DONA BRAGANZA (Mrs S Gredley) R Armstrong 8-6	P Robinson	5
508	0-1	LADY EUROLINK (Eurolink Computer Services) P Mitchell 8-3	A McGlone	2
509	000-	KUWAITIAH (Sheik Fahad) J Sutcliffe 8-2	Paul Eddery	6
510	04030-	DOMYNGA (Mrs C Heath) J Bethell 8-0	S Whitworth	3 12
511	0020-0	MISS MONROE (C Fowlie) R Hannon 8-0	B Rouse	1
512	0000-	CRYSTAL CREAM (S Coates) P Walwyn 8-0	N Howe	10
513	400-	REGENT'S FAWN (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 7-10	R Fox	3

1984: Seattle Rose 9-2 J Mercer (9-1) P Walwyn 9 ran.

11-4 Sojourn, 7-2 Axiom, 4 Shurdoo, 6 Beveridge, 8 Dona Braganza, 10 English Spring, 12 Lady Eurolink, 14 Crystal Cream, 16 others.

FORM: SHURDOO never near to challenge final start last year, previously (9-7) 1l 2nd of 11 to Aguada Beach (9-9) at Catterick (7f, £4,779, good, Sep 22). BEVERIDGE (8-10) 3 ½l 4th of 13 to Madam Mo (8-5) at Doncaster (7f, £3,840, good to soft, Oct 27). SOJOURN (8-11) neck Redcar winner from Paris Match (9-9) (7f, £2,035, good to firm, Oct 16, 23 ran). AXIOM 13th final start last year, earlier (8-11) beat Dragoness (8-11) 3l at Nottingham (5f, £1,095, good, Oct 2, 9 ran). LADY EUROLINK (8-8) beat Nasreen's Pet (8-8) ½l at Leicester (6f, £1,439, heavy, Mar 28, 9 ran). DOMYNGA (8-5) 4l 5th of 19 to Stock Hill Lass (8-7) at Nottingham (6f, £2,276, good, Oct 29).
Selection: DOMYNGA.

4.40 PRINCES' STAND HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,174: 7f 11yd) (17)

601	4302-13	OUR JOCK (Ld McAlpine) R Smyth 9-13 (6 ex)	G Starkey	10
602	0130-3	STAR FORMATION (Sheikh Mohammed) J Cechanowski 9-1	J Mercer	7
604	016200-	AIRBIT (T Ramsden) A Bailey 9-0	A Bond	6
605	3000-94	THE UPSTART (Elson Club) K Brassey 8-12	S Whitworth	3 12
606	021-00	EDDIE ZIP (A Smith) J Sutcliffe 8-11	B Thomson	14
607	42110-0	SILENT TREAT (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson	5
608	2000-23	HONEYMAN (MF) (Mrs J Nicholson) C Brittain 8-11	P Robinson	15
611	02310-2	TAJ SINGH (A Wilkinson) M Blanshard 8-9	N Adams	3
612	033-	DARING WAY (R Sangster) M Stoute 8-9	W R Swinburn	17
613	14000-4	WESTERHAM (Ardua Restaurants) R Akehurst 8-8	J Reid	13
614	334-	INDIAN HAL (Mrs R Waters) P Walwyn 8-5	Pat Eddery	9
615	0041-0	HOLYPORT VICTORY (Holyport Bloodstock) M Usher 8-5	M Wigham	16
617	0-40004	DESCHAMPS EXPRESS (Deschamps Thoroughbred) P Mitchell 8-2	A McGlone	6
618	00000-0	ONE WAY TICKET (Britannic Shipping) A Pitt 8-1	B Rouse	4
619	12043-	AYSHIRE LASS (Greenland Park) I Balding 8-1	E Johnson	2
620	0440-40	EDWIN'S PRINCESS (C) (BF) (V Randell) K Ivory 8-0	R Fox	1
622	000-	GILDERDALE (Avon Industries Ltd) N Vigors 7-7	S Dawson	3 11

1984: Bobby Dazzler 9-4 J Reid (12-1) D Lang 8 ran.

4 Silent Treat, 5 Daring Way, 11-2 Honeyman, 7 Our Jock, 8 Star Formation, 9 The Upstart, 10 Indian Hal, 12 Edwins Princess, 14 others.

FORM: OUR JOCK (9-8) beaten 2 short heads into 3rd by Kiesensky (9-7) at Newmarket (6f) (£3,883, good, Apr 18, 11 ran) with EDDIE ZIP (8-4) 2½l back in 5th. STAR FORMATION (9-0) 2½l 3rd of 10 to Castle Tweed (9-2) at Brighton (6f, £2,890, good to soft, Apr 11) with WESTERHAM (8-7) ½l away 4th and SILENT TREAT (8-10) 7th. HONEYMAN (9-1) 2l 3rd of 13 to Great Tey (8-10) at Salisbury (6f, £2,712, heavy, Apr 13) with THE UPSTART (9-2) 5l back in 4th. TAJ SINGH (8-13) 2l 2nd of 3 to Sand Iron (9-2) at Lingfield (7.5f, £3,905, heavy, Apr 10). DARING WAY (8-11) 1l 3rd of 21 to Classic Capistrano (9-0) in Nottingham maiden (6f, £1,339, firm, Sep 10).
Selection: HONEYMAN.

5.10 BANSTEAD MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £1,370: 7f 11yd) (18)

1	02	ABSOLUTE BOURDER (J Davis) R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery	12
2	2-	AL-AABIR (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	A Murray	9
3	p000-	ANOTHER ANGUS (D Ivory) K Ivory 9-0	M Wigham	4
4	60000-0	CROXTETH (J Thursby) G Lewis 9-0	P Waldron	7
7	000-000	JACK'S ISLAND (H King) C Britain 9-0	G Starkey	18
8		JAMES DE COOMBE (Cetora B Swift) Mrs S Swift 9-0	G Sexton	6
9	0-	LYPHARD CHIMES (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	5
11	09000-	MAFTIR (C Gavenda) R Smyth 9-0	Paul Eddery	14
14		MY BOY ROY (Mrs M O'Sullivan) J Sutcliffe 9-0	J Mercer	3
17	04-6	SCHLEMMER (C St George) P Kelleway 9-0	-	11
18	00-0	SOUTHERN STORM (Mrs M Bevan) B Hills 9-0	A Bond	13
19	0-	THE KETCHAK (J Pearce) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	15
20	3-3	VISUAL IDENTITY (Visual Identity Ltd) P Mitchell 9-0	B Rouse	8
21	0	BELLE TOWER (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 8-11	S Whitworth	3
25	0-	PRIORY MAID (J O'Donoghue) J O'Donoghue 8-11	-	2
26	030-	STRIKING BALANCE (Col F Hue-Williams) J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson	10
27	00-0	TRING (P Desai) A Pitt 8-11	J Reid	16
28	40-	UNMISTAKABLE (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11	B Thomson	17

1984: Premier Coup 9-0 S Cauthen (9-2) G Lewis 9 ran.

3 Al-Aabir, 7-2 The Ketchak, 4 Lyphard Chimes, 6 Striking Balance, 7 Schlemmer, 10 Visual Identity, 12 Unmistakable, 14 others.

FORM: AL-AABIR (9-0) short head 2nd to Pharpey (8-11) at Doncaster (6f, £952, soft, Nov 9, 23 ran). LYPHARD CHIMES (8-7) 5 ½l 8th to Downing Street (8-11) at Doncaster (6f, £2,550, good to soft, Sep 15, 16 ran). SCHLEMMER 8th on appearance, last season (9-0) 6 ½l 4th of 22 to Concorde Island (9-0) at Doncaster (6f, £3,362, good to soft, Oct 27). THE KETCHAK (8-11) 11th of 12 to Sabona (8-11) at Kempton (7f, £4,799, good to firm, Sep 8).

5.45 STOURPORT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,091: 2m 4f) (20)

1	313	Wobbly Waggles 5-11-12	S Marragh	2
2	p1-2	Weston Fevell 8-11-12	D Browne	6
4	2P0	Blazing Wind 9-11-6	S Moorhead	1
7	461	Johns Prince 7-11-6 (5 ex)	P Richards	7
9	p2	Heledon 12-10-12	D Cranny	17
14	2323	Cawsedias 7-10-11	P Scudamore	4
16	0P0-	Meadow Marauder 9-10-9	S Moorhead	11
22	34p	Clonacre King 10-10-2	P Richards	8
23	p2-2	Vinet 8-10-1	D Cranny 7	
27	00p	Hockley Chuck 9-12-0	R Bonnerman	18
28	0P0	Lastel 8-10-0	S Morris	9
30	4P2	Royal Consul 7-12-0	J O'Neill	12
31	0-02	Duke of Savagery 11-12-0	S Cowley	7
32		Royal Monarchist 11-12-0	S Cowley	15
33	6/P4	Handy Mack 11-12-0	P Kelley	5
34	0/P	Lord Aldwin 9-12-0	Miss S French	13
35	p00	Fulvene 8-12-0	C Swinburn	3
36		Sue's Brake 8-12-0	NOR RUNNER	
37		Seven Mist 10-12-0	M Rimmer	16
38	3P-5	Barnaby 10-12-0	T Reidy	10
39	0-04	Tat 8-12-0	Mrs L Stanley	8
40	0P-0	Hennessy's Choice 8-12-0	P Hacking	2
47	000	Tribunal Minstrel 6-11-9	-	

15-8 City Boy, 3 Flash Deal, 9-2 Trident Missile 5 Duke of Savagery, 12 Campsite Boy.

4.15 HINDLETON NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £937: 2m 4f) (25)

1	612	Cadar 7-11-8	P Croucher	4
3	412	Pusillidon 5-11-8	S Smith Eccles	6
4	333	Rocket's Delight 5-11-4	S Williams	4
11	p0-	Caterbury Way 5-11-2	-	
15	0000	Foggy Bay 5-11-2	H Davies	
17	000	Jon Piper 7-11-2	T Wall	
21	0P0	Kildun 5-11-2	D Cox	
23	0	Mountaineer (D) 7-11-2	Steve Knight	
25	452	Midnight Madness 7-11-2	L Bloomfield	4
27	0-6	Miss House 5-11-2	F D Doyle	17
31	000	Pennwell Lad 5-11-2	S Moorhead	
34	004	Samadee 5-11-2	P Dever	
35	p	Scaldara 5-11-2	M Williams	
37		Safer Grass 10-11-2	S May	
38	000	Trump The Caliber 5-11-2	P Scudamore	
43	0	Balcarres 6-10-11	A Webb	
45	0-	Cheery Charlie 5-10-11	-	
46	0	Flash Deal 5-10-11	P Warner	
47	0	Fleur-de-Mal 5-10-11	Mr M Darby	
48	00A	Hospital Chimes 6-10-11	R Dickin	
50	vp4	Lollaway 5-10-11	G Davies	
51	242-	Lisbon Dream 7-10-11	B Powell	
52	000	Shelly Bee 5-10-11	J Banks	
53	021	Shandell Manor 5-11-2	J J Tisdall	
54	000	Stellic Dipper (B) 4-10-4	C C Bach	

5-2 Shandell Manor 8s, 100-30 Padayan, 9-2 Rachael's Delight, 8 Reega Boy, 8 Cranberry Way, 12 Midnight Madness.

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FOOTBALL: MERSEYSIDE CLUBS ARE PERFECTLY POSITIONED TO CHART NORTH–WEST PASSAGE INTO EUROPEAN FINALS

Liverpool hobble into Athens hoping to leave unscathed

Liverpool flew to Greece yesterday still unsure of their line-up for the European Cup semi-final second leg match against Panathinaikos in Athens tonight.

Joe Fagan, the Liverpool manager, how however, announced that Neal, the Liverpool captain, will play despite breaking his nose on Saturday, but injuries to Rush (knee), Wark (stomach strain), Kennedy (ankle), Beglin (calf) and Gillespie (angle) mean selection will be delayed until the last minute.

"We are going to leave selection as late as possible," confirmed Fagan, whose side lead 4-0 from the first leg, and look set for a fifth European final appearance. "Several players have slight niggles." Fagan added, "But I'm hopint we will be able to choose from a near full-strength squad."

Neal, ever-present this season, has declared himself fit after breaking his nose in a clollision with team colleague Hansen, during Saturday's 3-1 victory over Newcastle United. The former England international full back, will be playing in his 72nd European game. "He has never been one to pack in and he isn't going to start now," Fagan said. "He has immense courage."

Liverpool take 18 players to Greece, a key man could be Gillespie, the central defender, who was given his first full game for two months when Fagan moved Lawrenson into midfield against Newcastle on Saturday. Gillespie responded with a goal – and could well retain his place it fir.

Kennedy has missed five games after turning an ankle against Manchester United at the end of last month, and Beglin looks a more realsitic candidate for the left-back position. The Republic of Ireland youngster scored on his European debut in the first leg at Anfield, but missed Saturday's game. The fitness of either player would allow Nicol to revert to midfield.

Liverpool's chief worry is Rush, who scored two goals in the first leg. He may not be risked tonight after sitting out two games with a nagging knee injury, in which case Walsh will deputize.

Ever since Liverpool's 4-0 first-leg victory two weeks ago – a result which virtually guaranteed the holders a date with Juventus in Brussels on May 29 – there have been dark hints that their trip to Greece will be a less than pleasant experience.

Jacek Gmoch, the Polish manager of Panathinaikos, complained of biased refereeing at Anfield, and he has done little to reduce the feeling of resentment in his camp during the build-up to this return tie.

In a pre-match pep-talk, Gmoch told his notoriously temperamental players: "As we were leaving Liverpool, you asked for revenge. I am asking you if you are ready, because I am."

In the interests of football, it is to be hoped that Panathinaikos are just making noises, but recent events in Athens do not augur well. On Sunday, their league game against Kalamarias ended in a fight after Panathinaikos had been held to a 1-1 draw – a result which ended their hopes of retaining the Greek championship.

Much may depend on the atmosphere among the fans on the terraces, but the leading Greek daily newspaper, *Elefitherotypia*, issued its own warning, writing: "People have reacted against Liverpool, and they want victory here and now. These fanatical people will be difficult to control.

LIVERPOOL: (Squad): B Grobbelaar, B Bolder, P Neal, J Beglin, M Lawrenson, S Nicol, A Hansen, K Dalglish, R Whelan, P Walsh, G Gillespie, J Wark, S Lee, J Molby, C Johnston, K MacDonald, I Rush, A Kennedy.

PANATHINAIKOS (probable): T Laftsis, K Tarasis, Y Kirastas, Y Dontas, N Karoubas, V Zajec, K Antoniou, K Mavrides, J R Rocha, D Saravakos, T Dimopoulos.



Neal: fit again

Gray's head can take Everton to heights

By Clive White

Everton v Bayern Munich has an impressive ring about it. It sounds more like the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup than any other permutation you could come up with involving their fellow-semi-finalists, Rapid Vienna and Dynamo Moscow. Ominously. That is how Bayern will think of tonight's second leg at Goodison Park – as a one-off cup tie. The goalless first leg is of little relevance: Everton still have it all to do.

One hopes that the over-confidence of the English public has not filtered through to the players. Our clubs' successes in Europe, over the last nine seasons particularly, have made us a trifle blasé about such games as tonight's.

But Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, said that this was not the attitude in their dressing room. "Each different challenge provides its inspiration. The players do not want to lose another game this season," he said.

Bayern are again the standard-bearers of West Germany this season and are chasing three honours, just like Everton. They have not forgotten that their three-year domination of Europe in the mid-Seventies was brought to a halt by an even more impressive reign by the English, which began on Merseyside.

Even more acute is the humiliation of losing to English sides on each of their last four ventures into Europe. Such feelings of inferiority could only have been heightened in the last fortnight since Everton's deserved draw in the Olympic Stadium in Munich.

Everton's hopes of seeing their season's excellent work reflected in three shiny trophies has been brightened by reaching the FA Cup Final and stretching their lead in the League to 10 points. Bayern's have been dulled by losing in Hamburg 2-1 at the weekend, to bring Werder Bremen threateningly to their shoulders in the league. Everton will be looking to the inspirational Gray.

Bayern, it is believed, may play the furiously quick left-winger, Kögl, in a central position and drop Hoeness and Michael Rummenigge. Surprisingly, Kendall expects them to strike from a defensive shell. Bcyern's task is daunting but by no means insurmountable. Such are the idiosyncrasies of European rules that Everton could be beaten without being beaten – or disrupting their run of 23 games without defeat.

But Everton would still have to concede their first goal in this competition. That would cause more alarm on Merseyside than the discovery of any German skeleton in a royal cupboard.

EVERTON (probable): N Southall; G Stevens, P Van Den hauwe, K Ratcliffe, D Mountfield, P Reid, T Steven, A Gray, G Sharp, P Bracewell, K Sheedy.

BAYERN MUNICH (probable): J M Pfaff; W Dremmler, H Willmer, N Eder, k Augenthaler, S Lerby, H Pflügler, L Matthäus, N Nachweih, R Wohlfarth, L Kögl.

● Rapid Vienna, who won the first leg 3-1, arrived in Moscow with no injury problems for their European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final against Dynamo tonight.

Dynamo may play the midfield player, Vasilyev, in attack instead of the suspended Gazzaev. Golovnya returns to the midfield after sitting out the match in Vienna. The Rapid squad includes Willfurth.





Langan (left) and Daly: in fine form for Oxford and Birmingham respectively

Recalls for Langan and Daly

Dave Langan and Gerry Daly have been recalled for the Republic of Ireland's crucial World cup qualifying match against Norway in Dublin next Wednesday. Langan, the Oxford United full back, and Daly, the Birmingham City's midfield player, are included in the squad of 18, announced by the manager Eoin Hand yesterday.

Langan last played for the Republic in 1983 against France when he damaged his knee. Daly's last outing was in the drawn game against Mexico in August. Hand, heavily criticized for the Republic's form in the World Cup, said: "I am confident we will be at the top of our group by June 2. I believe we can beat Norway and beat them well. Having watched Switzerland play the Soviet Union, I also feel we will beat the Swiss on June 2." Of the Norwegians, Hand said: "I expect them to play defensively, but It's imperative that we beat them by a number of goals. I believe qualification for Mexico can hinge on goal difference."

One player certain of playing against the Norwegians is Bonner, the Celtic goalkeeper. "He passed a serious test against England at Wembley and he deserves the chance." Hand said. Neither Robinson of Queen's Park Rangers nor Hughton of Tottenham Hotspur were considered for selection because they are unavailable through injury.

SQUAD: S McDonagh (Gillingham), P Bonner (Celtic), M McCarthy (Manchester City), D O'Leary (Arsenal), M Lawrenson (Liverpool), P McGrath (Manchester United), D Langan (Oxford), J Beglin (Liverpool), K Sheedy (Everton), A Grealish (West Brom), R Whelan (Liverpool), G Waddock (QPR), L Brady (Inter Milan), G Daly (Birmingham), F Stapleton (Manchester United), J Byrne (QPR), M Walsh (Porto), A Galvin (Tottenham).

● Luton Town are looking for a sponsor to cover the £250,000 cost of laying a plastic pitch at their Kenilworth Road stadium in the summer. The first division club already have Football League permission to use an artificial surface. That was given two years ago when the club also asked permission to move to Milton Keynes.

The Milton Keynes plan failed but the club secretary, Graham Mackrell, said yesterday: "Those permissions are still in force. We still want a new stadium because ours is inadequate. But at the moment there is no site on the near horizon and we can't sit here while the place falls around our ears."

● Exeter City have parted with their manager for the third time in three years. Jim Iley was the man involved yesterday, dismissed less than a year after taking over from the former England captain, Gerry Francis. The club said Iley had been relieved of his duties after a disappointing string of results

John Hore, the former Plymouth Argyle manager now coaching at Exeter, will handle the team until a new manager is appointed.

Bossis is back for Bulgarian match

Paris (Reuter) – The French manager, Henri Michel, made only one change to the squad which drew away to Yugoslavia when he named his party for next month's World Cup match against Bulgaria in Sofia.

The only change was the return of the veteran defender Max Bossis for Patrick Battiston, who replaced the injured Bossis to help France remain unbeaten in group four earlier this month, with a 0-0 draw with Yugoslavia in Sarajevo.

France, European champions last year, won their first three games and lead the group with seven points from four matches. Another draw in Bulgaria on May 2 would further boost their chances of qualifying for next year's finals in Mexico.

Bossis, almost an automatic choice, is in line for his 64th international appearance. Aged 30, he winds up his contract with Nantes at the end of the season and confirmed recently he had received offers from several clubs outside France, including Tottenham Hotspur, Lausanne and Paris Saint-Germain.

France beat Bulgaria 1-0 last November in Paris through a penalty by their captain, Michel Platini, Europe's footballer of the year.

Bulgaria suffered a severe setback last week when they were crushed 4-1 by West Germany in a friendly in Augsburg.

SQUAD: J Bats, A Rust, M Amoros, W'Ayache, M Bossis, J-F Domergue, L Specht, L Fernandez, A Giresse, M Platini, J Tigana, T Tusseau, B Bellone, G Buscher, Y Stopyra, J Touré.

● BONN: The West German manager, Franz Beckenbauer, will take a settled side to Prague for next Tuesday's World Cup qualifying match with Czechoslovakia. (Reuter reports).

Beckenbauer retains the squad who beat Bulgaria 4-1 in a friendly last Wednesday and who have won five of the last six games under his guidance.

The only changes in the selection named today are the return after injury of regular squad members Hans-Peter Briegel, of Verona, the Italian league leaders, and the Cologne striker Klaus Allofs.

West Germany lead European qualifying group two with four wins in four games, but could face a difficult task in preserving their record of never having lost a World Cup qualifier.

Czechoslovakia failed to beat Malta in a World Cup game on Sunday drawing 0-0 on the Mediterranean island after missing a penalty, but Beckenbauer said the result had not helped his team. "The Czechoslovaks know they cannot afford to drop any more points and so will put everything into this game, he suggested.

SQUAD: H Schumacher, U Stein, T Berthold, A Brehme, K-H Förster, M Frontzeck, M Herget, D Jakobs, H-P Briegel, F Mergath, Matthaeus, U Rahn, W Rolff, O Thon, K Allofs, P Ustorski, K-H Rummenigge, Völler.

● PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia: After Sunday's embarrassing 0-0 draw against Malta, the Czechoslovak manager, Josef Masopust, is an unhappy man (AP reports).

"I did not sleep the whole night", he said, adding that he has yet to decide what the Czechoslovak line-up against West Germany this coming weekend will be. The team are also struggling with injuries.

Asked about necessary changes, Masopust said, "The whole team, but that is not possible", adding that "some changes would have to be made".

Four players suffered injuries in the game against Malta, and it was not clear if they would all face the Germans.

RUGBY UNION

Irish make the most of limited resources

DAVID HANDS, Rugby Correspondent, looks back over the international season.

Midway through the 1980s Ireland have won, or shared, more five nations championships since the decade began than any of their other contenders, which reflects well on their use of limited resources and poorly on those countries much blessed with players. Their latest championship and triple crown season has seen a spirit of enterprise harnessed to traditional Irish enthusiasm and a goalkicker, Michael Kiernan, who compared favourably with anyone from the other countries.

Kiernan scored 47 points, which, as little as three years ago, would have been a championship record for his country. No more than a part-time kicker, Kiernan was at pains to get his technique right, so that, if his accuracy wavered, his length and height seldom did. Had Lescarboura been able to match his ratio of success, then France would surely have taken the championship rather than ending as runners-up but France, for all their talent, failed to make maximum use of their chances and, critically, never constructed a well balanced back row.

Ireland's back row was the most effective in the championship. The game with Scotland was a voyage of discovery: that against France meant a radical reorganization after two of the back row were injured; the game with Wales was all but won by the back row; and only against England was their effect distinctly neutralized.

It was an area where the other countries always had problems: Scotland's, who had played such an important part in winning the 1984 grand slam, was in the process of disintegration: Wales continued to seek their best unit: and England: their leading No 8 having retired from international rugby, always had a lopsided look.

Though finishing a lowly fourth, England are not so far from being a useful combination, though I fear their New Zealand visit will not take them much further forward. For an inexperienced side, they occasionally put together some good rugby, the mistakes they made being frequently those of the immature players so many of them are.

The championship as a whole was not of great quality, though the number of incidents and the closeness of some of the scores provoked great excitement. I do not think spectators have a right to expect some great leap in quality from the comparatively mediocre standard of rugby produced at club level in Britain these days.

It would be encouraging to think that better things were on the way, from the schools, but if the standard I have seen at that level is an accurate yardstick, we are in for a long wait. In England, at least, there are too many players, of all ages, playing too much rugby and not giving enough thought to the skills required; few of the clubs produce much originality in their game so it is hardly surprising that when international players come together the amount of variation they offer in the time available for preparation is limited. The 1984-85 championship accurately reflected that situation.

● Bath will be at full strength for the John Player Special Cup final against London Welsh at Twickenham on Saturday.

Team: C Martin; D Flick, S Halliday, J Palmer, B Trevaskis; J Horton, R Hill; G Chilcott, G Bess, R Lee, R Spurrell, N Geymond, N Redman, J Hall, P Simpson. Replacements: J Guscott, A Rees, C Stanley, D Sole, J Deane, D Egerton.

West Ham check up on Torres

John Lyall, West Ham United's manager, has confirmed his club's interest in the Spanish midfield player, Manuel Sanchez Torres. Lyall, who is hoping to strengthen his struggling side for next season, said yesterday: "I have watched him myself and he is a good and capable player.

Torres is under contract with FC Twente, the Dutch club, until June but a clause allows for his release for a maximum fee of £225,000 if it will improve his career.

Meanwhile, both Goddard and Dickens have been receiving treatment for ankle injuries picked up in Saturday's win at Sunderland but should be fit for another important relegation battle this weekend with Luton Town at Upton Park.

Strachan back for United's pursuit

Gordon Strachan returns for Manchester United for tonight's game at home to Southampton after recovering from the rib injury that forced him to miss Sunday's defeat at Luton. The Scottish international replaces Arnold Muhren.

"Southampton will be all out to win to gain a place in Europe so we could not have tougher opposition," Ron Atkinson, the United manager, said. "It looks like Everton's title, but you must keep going in case they slip up."

Shrewsbury, unbeaten in five games without conceding a goal, hope to postpone Oxford's promotion party at Manor Road tonight. A win for Oxford would guarantee them a place in the first division next season, but Chic Bates, the Shrewsbury manager, said: "We are not going there just to help Jim Smith drink the champagne. The way we are playing at the moment we could cause Oxford problems."

With Hartford and Watson suspended and Bruce virtually certain to miss tonight's game at Stoke with an ankle injury, Norwich include all their available senior players in a squad of 15. Two teenagers with a handful of first-team games between them, Rosario and Clayton, are likely to play.

David Corner is likely to return to Sunderland's central defence for the match at West Bromwich Albion. Shaun Elliott and Gary Bennett are suspended and Reuben Agboola pulled a hamstring in training on Monday, so Corner is almost certain to play his first game since the Milk Cup final a month ago. Also likely to be back in the side are Hodgson and Daniel, who have recovered from injury, while Armstrong, aged 17, stands by for a first division debut in midfield.

Albion, with only one win in five games and still on the fringe of the relegation battle themselves, wait for a late fitness test on Robson, who has two stitches in a leg would from the home defeat by Chelsea

Robertson is likely to return after recovering from an influenza virus and Mackenzie comes back into the side in place of Hunt, who is starting a two-match suspension.

Tony Daley, the latest youngster to break into Aston Villa's first team, against Watford tonight. The 17-year-old winger made an impressive debut at Southampton on Saturday.

Withe, after a one-match suspension, and McMahon are back

Monday's results

FOURTH DIVISION: Port Vale 1, Blackpool 1

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Quarter final: York City 2, Lincoln City 3 (Lincoln at home to Wigan)

NGA/COLA LEAGUE: Frickley 2, Altrincham 1; Nuneaton 5, Barrow 2; Weaklstone 1, Kettering 0; Weymouth 2, Boston 1.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford 0, Crawley 0; Fareham 1, Gloucester 1; Shepshed 1, RS Southampton 0; Witney 3, Wisbichall 2.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bradford C 0, Newcastle 1; Liverpool 3, Coventry 0; Nottingham Forest 2, West Bromwich Albion 0

Second division: Hull City 0, Sunderland 0; Leicester 1, Grimsby 1; Middlesborough 2, Wigan 3.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Reading 0, Southampton 1.

IRISH LEAGUE: Glentoran 0, Distillery 0.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Almondsbury Greenway 1, Wantage Town 0.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Wivenhoe 0, Maldon 2.

FA YOUTH CUP: semi-final, second leg: Watford 2, Barnsley 2 (Watford win 4-3 aggregate).

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Second division cup final, first leg: West Ham United 2, Brighton 2.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Bolivia 4, Venezuela 1

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon 24, Swansea 18; Bristol 26, Maesteg 13.

Yesterday's results

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers 0, Crystal Palace 2; Portsmouth 1, Birmingham City 0 (played at Birmingham); Swindon Town 0, Swansea City 1; West Ham United 0, Brighton and Hove Albion 0.



Strachan: replaces Muhren

Butragueno out as Real face further shame

Madrid (Reuter) – Real Madrid are hoping for nothing short of a miracle in tomorrow's UEFA Cup semi-final second leg against Internazionale of Milan after ending their Spanish league campaign in humiliation.

With morale at rock-bottom after Sunday's 1-0 home defeat by lowly Hercules, which left Real in fifth place, 17 points behind the chamions, Barcelona, the Madrid side face the task of scoring more than two goals to cancel out Inter's 2-0 first leg win.

Luis Molowny, who replaced manager Amancio Amaro after his demotion by the club's board, said: "If we play as horribly as we did on Sunday, we have no chance."

Real's problems have been increased by the absence of their young forward Emilio Butragueno.

● SARAJEVO: Ferenz Kovacz, the manager of the Hungarian club Videoton, has no illusions about the the task facing his team in their semi-final second-leg against Zeljeznica Sarajevo tomorrow (Reuter reports).

Despite a 3-1 first-leg advantage, Kovacz described Zeljeznicar as "tremendous opponents".

Platini ponders his ironic role of fraternal enemy

From David Miller, Bordeaux

The most accomplished French player of his generation, and arguably the greatest European player of this moment, sat in his hotel yesterday musing on the fact that the chance of the draw has obliged him to attempt to destroy yet again the ambition for which French football has waited 30 years: victory in the European Cup. It is an ironic role for Michel Platini here tonight.

The French, and the city of Bordeaux in particular, are still trying to analyse and explain the depressing set-back two weeks ago, when the Girondins, domestic League leaders once more by five points, allowed Juventus to win the semi-final first leg in Turin by three goals. Everyone accepts that it will require an astounding performance to turn the tables on the astute Italians.

It was the French who originated the European Cup, yet only two clubs Rheims and Saint Etienne, have reached the final, losing to Real Madrid and Bayern respectively. It has been said that when Rheims confronted the legendary Real, their respect for the opposition was such that when they entered the stadium it was as if entering a cathedral: and that the same mentality overcame Bordeaux in Turin.

Aimé Jacquet, the Bordeaux manager, claims that the success of French football in recent years was through the establishment of its own personality and that this is equally true of Bordeaux: that the defeat in Turin was less the work of Juventus and Platini than the product of their own failur.

"It wasn't one of our days", he said. "Of course, we would like to have sat tight on a one-goal deficit in the second half, but we're not that kind of team. If we successfully mark Platini they will still have Boniek and Rosi, Briaschi and Tardelli. Negative tactics are not our style and we have successfully proved that up to now."

The injury to René Girard after 10 minutes in a fierce tackle by Cabrini was not the cause of the defeat, Jacquet maintains. Girard's fitness for today will not be determined until the last minuts.

BORDEAUX (probable) D Dropsy; J-C Thouvenel, L Specht, P Battilon, T Tusseau, J Tigana, R Girard, A Giresse, F Chalana, B Lacombe, D Miller.

JUVENTUS (probable) L Bodini; L Favero, G Schiraa, S Brio, A Cabrini, Z Boniek, M Tardelli, M Platini, M Boenini, M Briaschi, P Rossi.

HOCKEY

England bound for Australia

The England senior team will fly from London on July 9 for a four-week tour of Australia as part of their preparation for the 1986 World Cup tournament in London, (Sydney Friskin writes). They will play 12 matches, including six internationals. The venues and dates for the internationals against Australia are: Tamworth (July 18), Canberra (July 21), Hobart (July 23), Melbourne (July 27 and 28), Perth (August 4).

England's juniors, who are taking part in the Junior World Cup tournament at Vancouver from August 10 to 24, will tour Europe from July 12 to 20.

● Wales's squad for the Inter-continental Cup qualifying tournament, in Belgium from May 23 to 5 against Belgium and Switzerland is:

S Rees (Hounslow), C Ashcroft (Neston), D Colclough (Swansea), S Cronin (Whitchurch), D Peters (Neston), H Williams (Cardiff), M Williamson (Teddington), A Western (Old Kingstonians), A Gowman (Cardiff), O Mackney (Harpenden), D Thomas (Southgate), J Rees (Trojans), D Hacker (Trojans), I Harper (Swansea), M Lewis (Whitchurch).

Manager loses second job within a week

Kaiserslautern, West Gemany (Reuter) – Aleksandar Ristic has lost his second job with a West German first division club within a week.

Ristic, dismissed last week by bottom-of-the-table Eintracht Brunswick, parted with his new club, Kaiserslautern, by mutual consent, without taking over the reins of office.

Last month Ristic, a Yugoslav, signed a two-year contract with Kaiserslautern after talks with the club president, Udo Sopp.

But Sopp was later voted out of office and the new president-elect, Jürgen Friedrich said he and Ristic had agreed to dissolve the contract because the Yugoslav had expectations which could not be realized at Kaiserslautern.

Sources near the club said Ristic was expecting Kaiserslautern to bring the Bordeaux forward Dieter Müller back from France next season, but that Friedrich had decided the club's financial situation would not allow such a move.

Court of Appeal — Law Report April 24 1985 — Court of Appeal

Undesirable appeal practice

Regina v Suggett

The Lord Chief Justice stated that the work of the criminal appeal office was being increasingly short circuited by counsel making improper applications for leave to appeal against sentence by prevailing on judges on circuit to act as though under section 31 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 when notice of appeal had not been served under section 18(1) and rule 2 of the Criminal Appeal Rules (SI 1968 No 1262).

His Lordship, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Mr Justice Tudor Price, on April 22, giving the judgment of the court in the first of three sentence appeals listed on the same day as illustrating an undesirable practice, said that as a result of jumping the gun proper arguments were not in existence for other, possibly more deserving cases were pushed back in the timeline.

Under section 31(2)(a) of the 1968 Act the power of a single judge included giving leave to appeal and admitting an appellant to bail. The reason why his Lordship had said that he had was that, in future, no such application should be made to a judge until the proper application for leave to appeal had been made in accordance with section 18(1).

Trading stock relief on cars for finance company

General Motors Acceptance Corporation (UK) Ltd v Inland Revenue Commissioners

Before Mr Justice Walton

[Judgment delivered April 1]

New motor cars purchased from Vauxhall Motors Ltd by its finance company, for supply to motor dealers as part of a financing package, formed part of that company's trading stock. Moreover such cars were not "let on hire or hire purchase" by the finance company with the result that it was entitled to stock relief in respect of them.

Mr Justice Walton so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division when allowing an appeal by the finance company, General Motors Acceptance Corporation (UK) Ltd, from the special commissioners who dismissed the company's claim for relief against corporation tax for its accounting periods to December 31, 1978, 1979, and 1980.

Paragraph 29 of Schedule 5 to the *Finance Act 1976* provides: "(1) . . . in this Schedule 'trading stock' means property of any description, whether real or personal, being either – (a) property such as is sold in the ordinary course of the trade, profession or vocation . . .

"(2) Sub-paragraph (1) above does not apply to – . . . (c) goods which the person carrying on the trade, profession or vocation has let on hire or hire-purchase."

The provisions were substantially reenacted in paragraph 28 of Schedule 9 to the Finance Act 1981.

Mr Charles Potter, QC and Mr Kevin Prosser for the finance company; Mr Robert Carnwath for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE WALTON said that the company was a wholly owned United Kingdom subsidiary of General Motors Corporation, Detroit. Its principal activity was to finance the distribution of new Vauxhall cars to motor dealers for resale.

In 1978 it had introduced a scheme to enable motor dealers to obtain the cars from it under a master wholesale agreement on "sale or return" terms, the cars in question having been acquired by the company from Vauxhall. Thereunder cars purchased by the company from Vauxhall were supplied, as required, to motor dealers in return for a non-returnable handling charge and they were only purchased by such a dealer immediately before he had negotiated a sale to a customer.

The handling charge payable by the dealer was calculated on the invoiced cost to the company of the car at a daily rate of interest. The company reserved a discretion to retake possession of a car from a dealer.

Two issues arose: first, were the cars so purchased by the company from Vauxhall "trading stock" within paragraph 29(1)? Second, even if they were, was that sub-paragraph inapplicable because the cars were "let on hire" within sub-paragraph 2(c)?

The paragraph 29(1) definition was "property such as is sold in the ordinary course of the trade". What was the ordinary course of the company's trade at the relevant time? It was the sale of a package conferring on the dealer in consideration of the payment by him of the handling charge the benefits referred to.

Accepting Mr Potter's submissions, it seemed that although cars were definitely not what the company was trading in, in the ordinary course of selling its financial package, it would, inevitably, be involved in the sale of cars. So, in the ordinary course of its trade as a financial dealer, it sold the cars, even though it was not out of such sales that it made its profits.

The second issue was decided by the commissioners against the Crown but for a wholly fallacious reason. Their reason was that the amount of the handling charge was but a fraction of the sum which one would have to pay to hire a car in the normal way.

The question, that was not one easy of determination, was whether the element of hire contained in the overall bargain ought to be regarded as stamping the transaction as one in which the cars were let on hire.

On the whole it seemed that the elements of hiring involved in the implementation of the financial package provided by the company, although a far from negligible part of the overall scheme, was really only an incidental element therein whereby the dealer would be able to purchase the car at the current price without having to find the purchase price immediately.

The small element of hire involved in the bargain was insufficient to enable it to be maintained that the company acquired the cars for hire. It offered a financial package that contained an element of hire but no more.

It followed that the appeal was allowed.

Solicitors: Slaughter and May; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Bank repair a structure

Oxfordshire County Council v Millsom

A landscaped river garden which incorporated substantial amounts of land fill and which involved the reinforcement and building up of the river bank was capable of being a structure within regulation 4(1)(a) of the Control of Pollution (Licensing of Waste Disposal) Regulations (SI 1976 No 732).

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Kennedy) so held on April 22, dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by Oxfordshire County Council against the dismissal by Didcot Justices on June 21 of an information alleging that the defendant had deposited controlled waste without a waste disposal licence contrary to section (3)(1) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974.

Abandoning claim for possession

National Westminster Bank Ltd v Oceancrest Ltd and Others

There was nothing to prevent a plaintiff mortgagee in a High Court action, who found that his claim had been cast too widely, abandoning at trial a claim for possession of the mortgaged property which would, by virtue of section 37(1) of the Administration of Justice Act 1970, have deprived the High Court of jurisdiction to deal with the other claims in the action; such abandonment did not have to be formulated as part of the record.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Dillon and Mr Justice Wood) so held on April 22, giving judgment on a preliminary point raised by the second defendant, Mr Marcus David Jones, on an appeal from a decision of Mr Justice Whitford.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that some support for that view could be derived from *Manchester Unity Life Insurance Collecting Society Trustees v Sadler* ([1974] 1 WLR 770), where it was held that the abandonment of a claim for foreclosure could deprive the High Court of jurisdiction where there remained outstanding a claim for possession.

His Lordship could see no reason why the converse should not apply: if a claim for possession, which deprived the High Court of jurisdiction, were abandoned, leaving a claim for payment of money outstanding, the High Court would have jurisdiction to dispose of that claim. While it would be appropriate, and tidier, for such an abandonment to be recorded in the pleadings, it was not essential to the High Court's jurisdiction that that should be done if the claim were abandoned at trial.

By way of relief Mr Justice Whitford had granted a declaration that the plaintiff's power of sale under a mortgage had arisen and was exercisable. That was not tantamount either to an order for sale of the mortgaged property or to an order for possession of it, and accordingly he had had jurisdiction to grant that declaration.

Leaving lesser alternative to jury

Regina v Hazell

If a trial judge was minded to leave the alternative to a particular count to a jury, an alternative which had not been dealt with by either counsel in the course of the trial, before summing up the judge should at least warn counsel of his intention so that they might make submissions to him and be able, if necessary, to put proper argument before the jury, particularly on behalf of the defence.

Mr Justice Boreham, sitting with Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Hirst, so stated on April 22 when the Court of Appeal allowed an appeal and quashed the conviction of Brian Hazell on November 8, 1984 at Bristol Crown Court (Judge Llewellyn Jones and a jury) of driving without due care and attention, as an alternative lesser offence to reckless driving.

HIS LORDSHIP said that neither the appellant nor his counsel had any warning that the alternative charge would be left by the judge to the jury; it was first mentioned in the course of the judge's summing up.

In spite of interventions by both counsel before the end of the summing up the jury were left to consider a charge which had not been the subject of argument or submissions in front of them. Their Lordships regarded that as an unsatisfactory state of affairs, and as an irregularity.

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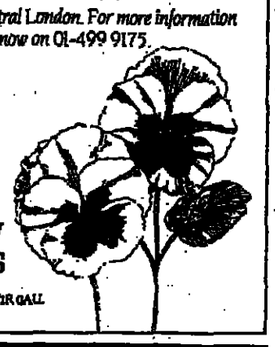
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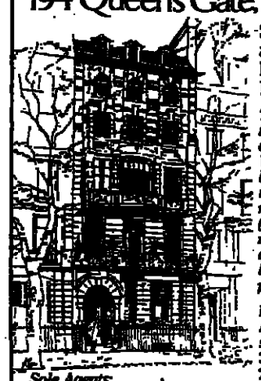
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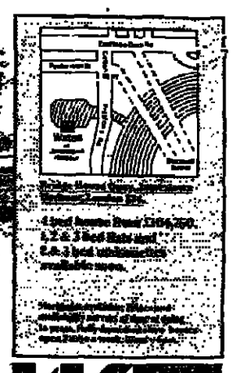
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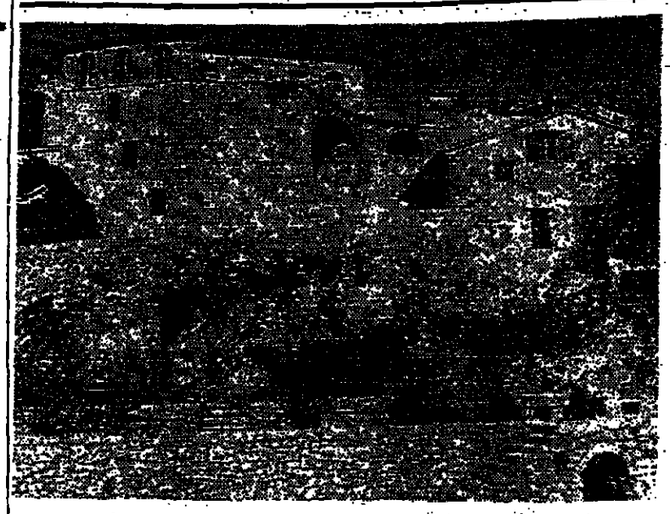
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A castle with mod cons

By Diana Wildman

Since the British aristocracy began to winter in earnest along the Côte d'Azur about 130 years ago, it has been considered the epitome of style to own a second home or to live permanently in the South of France.

Purchasing procedures today are relatively straightforward although consulting a French lawyer should be a first priority after selecting a property (the French Consulate in London has a list of "notaires" practising in Britain). In addition to the lawyer's fee, at least 18 per cent of the purchase price should be allowed for to cover essential purchase and property transfer costs.

A medieval château, forming part of the original fortifications of the Provençal village of Bargemon, is for sale through Allen Bates & Co at an asking price of 16 million francs. This vast, rambling, stone-walled castle, known as Le Vieux Château, has been fully renovated and restored over the last 10 years by its English owner and is ready for occupation.

The eight-bedroom, six-bathroom home, with six receptions, including an imposing L-shaped drawing room, containing Roman columns from Nîmes, and a dining-room complete with walk-in fireplace, has oil-fired central heating and electric points throughout.

The floors are all flagstone and the rooms are linked at different levels by the three staircases with the main rooms retaining vaulted ceilings. The eight acres of vine-clad land, which last year produced 2,000 litres of wine, slope south beneath the terraces and gardens which contain a well-maintained swimming pool.

Across an inner courtyard there is a separate, fully modernized, three-bedroom farmhouse and a detached two-bedroom galleried flat over a garage, both of which could eventually be sold off as independent units. Within the main structure are numerous cellars and utility rooms.

Within the original Bargemon ramparts adjacent to the château, with an asking price of £75,000, is a fully modernized, four-storey town house, which has been converted to provide two bedrooms with bathrooms, a studio and a top-floor sitting room with stunning views over the Riou valley. There is a first-floor balcony but no garden.

Details are available from Allen Bates & Co at 10 Green Street, London W1Y 3RF (01-499 1665).

In total contrast to Le Vieux Château – though with a similiar asking price – in this case Fr15 million, is La Bichonne, a modern, easily maintained, three-bedroom home perched on a promontory and set in three and a half acres of sloping gardens with a two-bedroom guest or staff lodge at the entrance gates.

Situated at Théoule, on a peninsula formed by the red rocks of the Esterel coast, some 15 km from Cannes, there is a semi-circular swimming pool with pool-house with changing rooms, sauna and covered barbecue area. With the sea surrounding the cliffs at the base of the property, there are steps to the beach 30ft below. The views are spectacular.

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Details from Lynette Lloyd, La Bichonne, Avenue du Groupe Naval d'Assaut, 06590 Théoule-sur-Mer, France (tel: (93) 75.48.32). London contact Andrew Langton, Aylesford and Co. (01-351 2383).

Land values are high in the Alpes Maritime. For the individualist an acre of land with good views, suitable for a large villa with a pool, will cost anything between £50,000 and £100,000, according to Stuart Baldock of local agents S.A.F.I.

Robert Dallas, an English architect who has been practising in France for the past 17 years, said: "The purchase costs are reduced to 15 per cent provided the house is built within four years." Mr Dallas, who custom-designs to his clients' needs, nevertheless has a distinct style.

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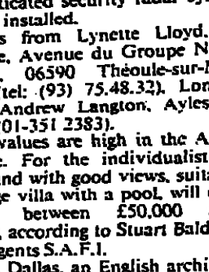
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Sturgis and Son (01-730 9291), who are asking £167,000 for each property, comment that high quality new homes, especially in a traditional mews, are bound to sell well. One has already been sold. Each has a garage.

■ That property at the top end of the market moves fast if the place and the price are right is proved by two quick sales. The Eddington estate, a fine Georgian house and 900 acres, near Hungerford, Berkshire, owned by Lady Fermoy, whose husband died last year, has been sold to an English buyer for more than the £3 million asking price through Hampton and Sons, Heath Lodge, in the millionaire's row known as The Bishop's Avenue, Hampstead, was offered for sale at around £2 million through Glentree Estates by the family of Aristos Constantinou the Greek businessman who was murdered on New Year's Day. It was acquired within five days by Bargets on behalf of an Indian businessman who paid £1.7 million.

Restored manor

■ **Knook Manor, near Warminster, Wiltshire, is one of the best unspoilt examples of a small Tudor manor house. Of stone and tile construction, it has mullioned windows, paved flagstone floors and exposed beams, and was completely restored in the 1920s. It stands in two acres of gardens, including a swimming pool, and has three/four reception rooms, six bedrooms and three bathrooms, and two-bedroomed gardener's bungalow. Peter Rapson of Ramsbury (0672 20512) gives a guide price of £300,000.**

■ The Temple, at Goring-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, is a contemporary house on the east bank of the Thames, with about 450 yards of river frontage overlooking Cleeve Lock. Built of Douglas fir and other hardwoods, the house has large reception rooms and four bedrooms, with a guest or staff cottage with three bedrooms, a boathouse, swimming pool and tennis court in about six acres. John D Wood are asking for offers around £750,000.

■ In the Park St James development overlooking Regents Park, mentioned last week, Hampton and Sons are joint agents with Lessmans.



Calne Mill, on the River Marden in Calne, Wiltshire, is a converted Bath stone flour mill which lay empty from 1966 when milling ceased, until the present owners, Mr and Mrs M. R. Chambers, bought it in 1971. Set on three floors, the property makes extensive use of elm and Bath stone, which were features of the original building, and has both a new Bath stone staircase and a solid elm staircase. Modernization also included the installation of central heating and double glazing throughout. The mill has a reception room, kitchen/dining room, four bedrooms and three bathrooms and sitting room on the first floor, and two further bedrooms on the top floor. Carter Jonas's Marlborough office (0672 54545) is asking for offers over £125,000.

Package deal for houses

Increasing competition for a slice of action in the house transfer market, caused by growing dissatisfaction with the present arrangements and its translation into parliamentary action, is certainly having an effect.

Newspaper advertisements offer cheap estate agency and conveyancing, while in the background the professions have their contingency plans worked out in some detail.

Building societies do not really want to get involved as estate agents or as conveyancers, but they know that competition may force them to do so, and as efficient businessmen they have to be prepared. Similarly solicitors and estate agents would for the most part wish to stay as they are. But the existence of property shops, of property searchers, of conveyancing firms and the likelihood of changes in the law to allow further competition, means that they must all look either to maximise the advantages of competition or to minimise the dangers.

For the last three months a working party including members of the Law Society, the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the National Association of Estate Agents, have been looking towards cooperating in the future.

The pressure is undoubtedly growing for one stop shopping in the housing market in which the buyer and seller can be offered estate agency, legal, and financial services from one outlet.

The working party has now proposed a framework for cooperation between estate agents and solicitors which does not go far in its recommendations, but it is an achievement for them to have agreed at all.

Vincent Kenneally, president of the ISVA, said of the proposals that it was their primary aim to examine how their clients' interests could be best served and protected while at the same time recognizing that increasingly the public were looking for a simpler 'package' when buying and selling their home.

Cautiously edging towards the future, he said the discussions would continue, and "we are sure that cooperation between our professions will lead at local level to competition tempered by this need to ensure the house buyer or seller continues to receive independent advice, proper safeguards and a high standard of service."

The working party has decided that a common code regulating combined advertising by solicitors and estate agents should be prepared with some urgency.

Steps towards a code of practice should follow, plus "further study" of the problem of mixed partnership between solicitors and estate agents.

Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

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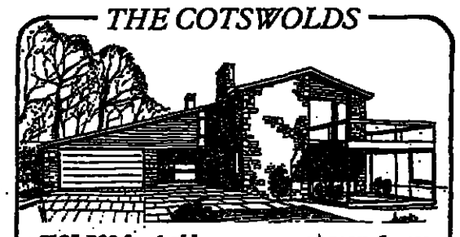
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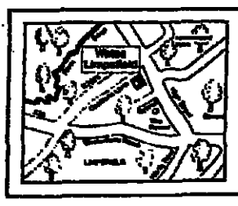
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BIRTHS

BARCLAY On April 22nd to Joanna (nee Brindley) and Joe – a son, Roderick Anthony, a brother for Harriet and Rosanna.

BLEACH. – On April 19th at Wolverhampton to Susan and Kevan, a son Christopher Alistair Calvert.

BICKERSTETH. – On 17th April in Denmark, to Melle and Tony, a second son, Mathias.

DWEWETT. – On Saturday, April 20th, to Clare (nee Butler) and Michael – a son (Oliver George Michael). Special thanks to the staff at the West London.

EMBIRICOS-COUMOUNDOUROS. – On April 22, at The Wellington Clinic, to Nicia and Philippe – a daughter (Adriana Olga) a sister for Nicia Suzanne.

FICK – On April 23rd, 1985 at The Jane Crookall Maternity Home, Isle of Man, to Virginia (nee Perry) and Colin, a son, James Alexander Colin, a brother for Tanya and Teddy-Joe.

GIMBER. – On April 21st, to Caroline (nee Falconer Hall) and Stewart, a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth Roche.

HADDON – On April 19th in Toronto, Canada, to Amanda (nee Bond) and Gerald, a daughter (Edwina Fiona Catherine).

HARRISON – On April 18th to Elizabeth (nee Corbett) and David, a son, Henry Roy.

HOY – On April 4th in Pembury Hospital, to Suzanne (nee Engel) and Ian, a son (James Patrick Alexander), brother to Duncan, Annabel and Callum.

JACKSON. – On April 23rd, to Caroline (née Peel) and Robert, a son, Matthew, a brother for Christopher.

JOHAL. – On 12th April, to D'Tameem (nee Mirza) and Makhan – blessed a daughter (Ayesha Shahzadi).

JONES-PENLEIGH. On Sunday, April 21, 1985, to Elaine (nee Francis) and Edward – a daughter (Lucinda Felicity Francis) a sister for Harriet.

MUIRHEAD.–On April 19th, to Ellen (nee Squires) and Michael–a son (Alexander William), a brother for Nicola.

PARR – on April 20th to Miranda (née Otten) and Oliver, a daughter, Flora Mary Victoria, a sister for Jonathan and Harry.

PATERSON. – On April 8th to Barbara (nee Newsom) and Michael, a son, John Harold.

WARD. – On April 21st at Norwich to Joanna (nee Machin-Goodall) and Simon – a son (Henry Charles Langford).

DEATHS

BALDING – Ellie (see Quirk).

BEAZLEY – On April 23rd 1985, peacefully at her home, Wyncar, Windle Hill, Neston, South Wirral, aged 97 years, Lilian Edgar, wife of the late Colonel Sir Gerald Beazley. Funeral service at St John's Church, Great Sutton, Wirral, on Monday April 29th at 11.30 am, followed by interment in the churchyard. All enquiries please to the T. A. Ball Funeral Service, Woodchurch Road, Birkenhead. Tel: 051 652 4974.

BESSEMER. – On April 21, at home after a short illness, Rose Ellen Margaret (Madge) only daughter of the late Henry William and Rose Bessemer, in her 88th year.

BROOME. – On April 20th, 1985, peacefully at home in Nettlebed, John Egerton (Jack), Capt RN, rtd. Desc. aged 84, beloved husband of Joan and dear father and grandfather. Cremation private. No flowers or letters please. Donations if desired, to Sue Ryder Home, Nettlebed, Oxon.

COPLAND – On April 23rd, 1985, Alexander Amundsen (Sandy), at Rome, Nether Stirling, 169 Lake Terrace, Tampa, New Zealand. Beloved husband of Lola and most beloved father of Nicola, Dee-dee, Jude and Nathan, dear father-in-law of John, Michael and Nicholas, and a much loved grandfather to all his grandchildren. All enquiries to Nether Cricket.

CULLIS, RICHARD JOHN. – Most loved and loving son of Gillian and brother of Jane. Rest in peace darlings. Funeral Pusey Vale on Friday 26th at 2pm and family flowers only.

DALSTON. – On April 19th, peacefully at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, Mary Waltraud (nee Farrow) aged 56. Beloved wife of Stephen, dearly loved mother of Brigid, Anne and Sally. Enjoyed by all her grandchildren. Cremation private. Meeting for worship and thanksgiving at Friends Meeting House, 2 Church Street, Reading on Monday 29th April at 11.30am. No flowers please. Donations if desired, to Friends Peace and Service, Friends House, Euston Rd, London.

DIGGS. – On April 22nd at home Bleckier, after an illness borne with great courage & faith, Lois Elinor, beloved wife of Group Captain Victor Doctor, Mother of Vivien & Shan, grandmother of Timothy. Cremation private at Oxford crematorium at 4.30pm. Friday, April 26th. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Cancer Research Campaign.

FOORD – On April 18th at home, Robert Christopher, loving husband and father, funeral service at the Chapel of St Cross, Winchester, on Friday, April 26th at 2.00pm, followed by interment. Flowers and enquiries to Sled & Son Ltd, Chesil House, Winchester, 65196.

FOSTER – On April 20th, 1985, Douglas William, peacefully into the next. Cremation at Putney Crematorium, Kingston Road, on Monday, April 29th, 1985, at 11am.

HARRIS, Anne Claire Mary – On Sunday, 21st April, peacefully in her sleep. Dearly loved by her five children and their families and a great loss to all who knew her.

HOYER. On Wednesday April 17th, 1985, suddenly at home Henry Hoyer, beloved husband of Kinga Caroline. Funeral private in Buckinghamshire. Memorial service to be announced later.

GLYN – (nee Glinicki) on 19th April 1985, peacefully in Hospital after a short illness, Alfreda beloved husband of Sheena (nee Merrison) and father of Andrew and Michael of Purley Surrey. Funeral Mass at St Cyprian's Baptist Church, Dale Rd, Purley, Friday 26th April at 10am followed by cremation at The South London Crematorium.

LINES – On April 22nd, 1985, peacefully at St. Julians Nursing Home, Wimbledon, Margery Ann Lines, widow of Arthur, and dear mother of Richard, Peter, Mary and the late Mark. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Ham Common, Surrey, on Monday 29th April, at 2.30pm, followed by Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Friends of the Elderly, 42 Ebury St., SW1.

MACDONALD. – On April 22nd, 1985 at Victoria Nursing Home, Hove, peacefully called to rest, Jessie, known as Jean, aged 78 of 47 New Road, Ham. Beloved wife of the late Sir Allan Macdonald, OBE, and much loved mother of Alastair. Deeply mourned by the late Heather. Service at Woodvale Crematorium, Lewes Road, Brighton, on Friday April 26 at 2.30pm. Enquiries to Hannington's Funeral Directors. Tel: Brighton 778733.

McDOUGALL-PORTER Edith Hester. On April 21st, 1985, at Wychwood Court, in her 90th year. Mother of Audrey, 19 Wellesley Park, Wilmington, Somerset. Private Cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at Ilminster Church, on Monday, May 13th, at 2.00pm. Donations if desired in aid of the Church, can be addressed to the Rector.

MANLEN. – On April, suddenly, at his home in East Sussex, John David, aged 47, beloved father of Helen and Joanna and dearly loved surviving son of Sophie and Colin McMullen. Memorial service at the Parish Church of St Nicholas, Brockenhurst on Tuesday, April 30th at 2 p.m. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only to J. Steel and Sons, 8 Cheal Street, Winchester.

MIDDLETON-MURRY. – On April 20th, 1985, peacefully in hospital, Anne aged 47 years, of Tangier Rd, Richmond, Surrey. Devoted mother of Richard and Stephen. The funeral service will take place at Putney Vale Crematorium, Kingston Rd. at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please, but Creations may be sent Cancer Research.

O'SHEE – On 15th April, 1985 after a long illness, Patrick O'Shee, late of Carnlemorris, Co. Waterford, Ireland. Service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Tuesday 30th April at 11.30am. Flowers, or donations if desired, to Help The Aged. A memorial service and interment will be held in Ireland at a later date to be announced.

DEATHS

PALMER – On 16th April, 1985, Oriel Felix Palmer of 4 Campden House Court, Gloucester Walk, Kensington. Requiem Mass 12 noon Friday, 26th April at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, followed by interment at St. Andrew's Church, Burgess Hill, Sussex at approximately 3pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the St. Marylebone branch of the British Red Cross Society, 106 Crawford St, London W1. Enquiries to Roche Hardcastles, tel. 01-931 7641.

POWELL Quietly on April 21st, Peter aged 76 years, of Craigs Path, Aldeburgh. Loved husband of Julia and also a much loved father and grandfather. Funeral private. Requiescat in pace.

PRESWERK-TISSOT. – On Saturday, April 20th, peacefully at her home in Wädenswil, Switzerland, Rose P., aged 96. Widow of Toby, late of Bath and Cuba.

REDGATE – On April 21st, 1985, suddenly at his home, Lostock Bolton, Geoffrey William Redgate, M.B.E., B.A., M.Ed., Dip Ed., T.Dip., T.Cert., of the Beal. Chairman, Bolton District Health Authority, aged 60 years. The dearly loved husband of Betty, loving and loved father of Elizabeth, Robert and Catherine. All enquiries to Walsh Funeral Service, 284 Darwen Rd, Bromley Cross, Bolton. Tel: (0204) 58367.

RUDGARD – On April 19th suddenly at home, Canon Richard Cuthbert Rudgard, OBE, formerly Archdeacon of Basingstoke, beloved husband of Maisie and father of Bryan. Cremation private, service of thanksgiving at Christ Church, Winchester, on Tuesday, April 30 at 2.30pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired to The Melanesian Mission, 2 Harpsden Way, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.

SAVILLE-SNEATH Michael, on April 22nd, beloved son of Gavan & Christopher & brother of Tony. Funeral private, no letters please.

SCOTT – On April 20th, 1985, peacefully, Ernest James OBE, MC, "Scottie" aged 88. Will be greatly missed by Geoff, Jean, Debbie and Tracy. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Totteridge Village, N20, on Wednesday, 1st May, 1985 at 4 pm. All enquiries to Hayes & English, 126, Bowes Road, N13. Tel: 01-888 4018.

SHEMILT, H. R. (Reggie). – Suddenly but peacefully on Thursday, 18th April, funeral private, no flowers by request, but donations to the British Heart Foundation Appeal may be sent to A. W. Goddard Ltd, Kent Road, Fleet, Hants.

SHERBORNE. – On April 20th, Ralph Stawell Dutton, 8th Baron Sherborne of Hinton Ampner House, Alresford, Hampshire, aged 86 years. Funeral private. No flowers.

STOBIE – William Douglas Kerr, on Sunday April 21st from a heart attack, whilst on a sponsored walk. Douglas will be sadly missed by his wife Pearl and his children Rosemary, Ian and Fiona. Service on Thursday, 25th, at 12 noon, at St Peter & St Paul Church, Chacombe, near Banbury, Oxfordshire. Private family cremation will follow. No wreaths, but flowers may be sent to J & M Hunnisett, Alpha Street, Banbury, by 10 am on Thursday, or donations to any heart or cancer charity.

SYMINGTON. – On April 22, 1985, peacefully after a long illness courageously borne, Frances May, greatly loved wife of Courtenay. Service at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Rd, Brighton, on Monday, April 29, at 2.30pm. Flowers may be sent to Hannington's, 4/6 Montefiore Rd, Hove, or donations if preferred to The Turner Home, Tilbury Place, Brighton.

WAKEFORD, (TUFF) Phyllis on April 21st at Royal North Hospice, Tuffers, beloved wife of the late Sidney Julian Wakeford. Cherished mother of Anthony & Patricia, darling "Ge-Ge" to Paul, Jade & Jay, with babies Jullian & Christian, & dearly loved twin sister of Marjorie. Cremation service at Torquay Crematorium on Friday 26th April at 3.30pm. Only family flowers, but if desired donations to Rowcroft Hospice, Avenue Road, Torquay, please.

WYKES. – On 20th April, 1985, peacefully in hospital, Christoper Lewis Wykes, aged 72 years of 61 Stanmore Court, Leicester, loving husband of the late Joan, beloved father of Margaret and David, father-in-law of Geoffrey and grandfather of Louise and Alastair. Funeral service at the Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel, Leicester on Friday, 26th April, at 1.30pm, followed by private committal. Family flowers only but donations in lieu may be sent for Leics. & Rutland Hospice, or Ott-658 6722. ASTA. ATOL 1276.

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9.20 **Ceefax.** 10.30 **Play School.**

10.50 **Gharbar.** This week's edition of the magazine programme for Asian women includes Ghazala Amin and Sawaran Talwar talking to Farida Izakof the Asian Women's Association, Nuneaton. 11.15 **Ceefax.**

12.30 **News After Noon** with Frances Coverdale and Michael Cole. The weather prospects come from Ian McCaskill. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.00 **Pebble Mill at One** includes Michael Smith's Chef's Special slot in which the guest is actor-turned-chef, John Tovey. Engelbert Humperdink sings a song. 1.45 **Mr Benn** (r). 2.00 **Ceefax.** 3.53 Regional news (not London).

3.55 **Lay on Five** presented by Floella Benjamin with pupils of St Nicholas Infants School Bristol. 4.10 **The Wombles** (r). 4.15 **The Biskitts.** Cartoon.

4.35 **Take Two,** presented by Josephine Buchan; EastEnders is under discussion this week and in the studio is the serial's producer, Julia Smith. 5.00 **John Craven's Newsround.**

5.10 **Duncan Dares.** A new series in which the intrepid Peter Duncan attempts any number of dangerous feats, this afternoon in the guise of a Special Agent (see Choice).

5.35 **Gloria.** The first of a new series starring Sally Struthers as the well-meaning but accident-prone Gloria Bunker Stivic.

6.00 **News** with Nicholas Witchell and Jeremy Paxman. Weather.

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **Wogan.** Tonight's guests include Howard Jones, Gerry Cottle; Ted Edwards and Barry Tuckwell.

7.40 **Monkey Business.** Natural history quiz: the last in the series, presented by Henry Kelly. The team captains, Floella Benjamin and Jeremy Cherfas, are joined by Liza Goddard, Pam Ayres, Michael Clegg and Cliff Morgan.

8.10 **Dallas.** As Pam despairs at the thought of being unable to trust anyone, help arrives from an unexpected source (Ceefax).

9.00 **News** with John Humphrys. Weather.

9.25 **Q.E.D.: Operation Otter.** The story of an experiment to increase the population of one of Britain's endangered species – the otter. The idea was to breed otters in captivity and then let them loose in the wild and hope that natural breeding would occur. The first three were released with the male being fitted with a radio transmitter in order to keep tabs on its activity. After three days radio contact was lost and the conservation team, including actress Nerys Hughes, went hunting for the missing trio.

10.55 **Sportsnight** introduced by Harry Carpenter. A semifinal of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship; John Motson assesses England's chances of reaching the World Cup football finals; and Pat Murphy ponders the prospects of Graham Gooch returning to the England cricket team after his three years in the wilderness.

11.10 **Weather.**

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6.15 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Nick Owen and Jayne Irving. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.16, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 9.19; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop music at 7.54; video report at 8.40; and gardening advice at 9.05. The guest is Anita Harris.

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9.25 **Thames news** headlines. 9.30 **For Schools:** religious education. 9.47 Portugal and the Portuguese way of life. 10.04 Sex education and human relationships. 10.21 A documentary about sex equality. 10.48 **The Lizard and Land's End.** 11.10 The countryside in spring and summer. 11.22 Music and merriment. 11.40 Exploring the past in Everton, Liverpool.

11.55 **Rub a Dub Dub.** An up-dated version of the nursery rhyme, Baa Baa Black Sheep. 12.10 **Our Backyard** (r). 12.30 **Raw Energy.** Leslie and Susannah Kemon prepare some dish salads with unusual dips and seed cheeses.

1.00 **News at One** includes an interview with the Aga Khan. Weather. 1.20 **Thames news.**

1.30 **A Country Practice.** Medical drama series set in an Australian outback town. 2.30 **On the Market.** Susan Brookes and Trevor Hyett with the week's best food bargains. The guest cook is Derek Waring 3.00 **Gems.** More dramas from the Covent Garden fashion workshop 3.25 **Thames news headlines** 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 **Button Moon.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 **Battink.** 4.20 **Fraggle Rock.** Adventures of a group of creatures who live underneath a lighthouse. 4.50 **Razzmatazz.** Pop music show. 5.15 **Blockbusters.**

5.45 **News.** 6.00 **Thames news.**

6.25 **Help!** John Murray with information about single payments available to people on Supplementary Benefit for items like essential furniture, bedding and household equipment.

6.35 **Crossroads.** Barbara faces the unpalatable facts.

7.00 **Arthur C. Clarke's World of Strange Powers.** Is the stigmata – wounds similar to those of Christ's on the cross – a miracle or is there a more prosaic explanation of the mystery? (Oracle).

7.30 **Coronation Street.** Will Brian and Gail be reunited? Ivy Tilsley tries her hardest to help (Oracle).

8.00 **This is Your Life.** Eamonn Andrews, armed with his mike and big red book springs a surprise on another unsuspecting worthy.

8.30 **The Morecambe and Wise Show.** More hilarious sketches from the two funny men (r) (Oracle).

9.00 **Widows.** Part four and Harry has the unlaundered £60,000 but the women don't know what he is going to do next. Meanwhile, George Resnick warns private detective Vic Morgan about becoming emotionally involved with Dolly (Oracle).

10.00 **News at Ten** includes a report comparing life in today's Cambodia with that under the genocidal regime of Pol Pot.

10.30 **Midweek Sport Special,** introduced by Brian Moore and Steve Rider. Highlights of the European club competition games involving Everton and Liverpool; plus coverage of the British middleweight title fight between Jimmy Price and Herrol Graham.

12.00 **Superstar Profile.** Film director John Huston (r).

12.25 **Night Thoughts.**



Natalia Makarova: on Channel 4 at 9.00pm

● **UNGENTLEMANLY CONDUCT?** (BBC2, 9.55pm) would have given Jane Austen a fit of the vapours. And, unless she is prepared to lose a night's sleep, Barbara Cartland ought not to watch it. The Welsh Rugby Union can tune in with impunity because they will not see anything. They simply do not recognize the existence of the women whose activities are detailed in the film. The village of Magor, in South Wales, has two pubs and a church. It also has a Rugby club: men only, of course. And while its members prop up the bar, they reflect with varying degrees of resignation on one of life's little peculiarities: the 15 local women who make up the village's alternative Rugby team ("Who wants to see a woman coming home with cauliflower ears?" . . . "Why spoil the sport?" . . . "As long as they can whop the English, I don't really care". And so on). What they lack in official visibility, the Magor Women's XV make up for in volubility. Their menfolk may not understand what it is they are trying to prove, but the women know all right. For one thing, they are challenging the male monopoly in pushing, shoving and tumbling about in the mud. For another, they are getting rid of their domestic aggression: taking it out on the opposition instead of the children. And although they may find it easier to convert a try than to convert the local men to their point of view, there cannot be a male forward in Magor who does not secretly envy these very forward women the ease with which they dispatch their beers in a swigging contest.

CHOICE

● **DUNCAN DARES** (BBC1, 5.10pm) reveals a side of Peter Duncan, the former *Blue Peter* presenter and one of the most cheerful-looking men imaginable, that we had not suspected. He appears to be hell-bent on self-destruction. In tonight's film, the first of six in which he puts his life in jeopardy, he plunges off a high roof, tackles a couple of thugs, overturns a speeding car and, blazing like a *pore flambée*, leaps into a chilly Thames. In the process, he disproves the theory that stuntmen are born and not made.

● Also recommended: Episode three of Dickens's **BLEAK HOUSE** (BBC2, 9.00pm) in which Diana Rigg's Lady Dedlock at last begins to take shape; and the Makarova profile on Channel 4, 9.00pm.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.30 **Open University:** Combined Heat and Power. 6.55 Contrasts in Musical Language. Ends at 7.20.

9.00 **Ceefax.**

2.15 **World Snooker.** The opening seven frames of the first best-of-31 semi-final of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship, presented by David Vine, plus highlights of how the players reached this stage. The commentators are Ted Lowe, Jack Karnehm and Clive Everton.

5.25 **News** summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.30 **Film: Carson City** (1952) starring Randolph Scott, Raymond Massey and Lucille Norman. Western adventure about the building of a railroad, over difficult mountainous terrain, from gold mines to Carson City. The citizens are against the project as is the villainous mine-owner and gold robber "Big Jack" Davis, but dashing Jeff Kincaid and the lovely Susan Mitchell are determined to see the completion of the venture. Directed by Andre de Toth.

6.55 **World Snooker.** David Vine introduces highlights of the first semi-final and previews the second which begins later this evening.

7.40 **Ebony,** presented by Juliet Alexander and Vince Herbert. There are items on Michael Martin who died while detained in Broadmoor and whose death raises a question about the treatment of black people in mental hospitals; on schoolteacher Ray Costello who traced his roots back to Bermuda; and two numbers from the Gail Thompson Approach, a five piece group led by tenor-saxophonist, Gail Thompson.

8.10 **World Snooker.** Coverage of the opening frames of the second semi-final of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship, introduced by David Vine from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield.

9.00 **Bleak House.** Episode three of the eight-part adaptation of Charles Dickens's novel introduces Charlie Drake in one of his rare straight roles – that of Smallweed, an unlovely and unloved moneylender. Meanwhile, Lady Dedlock persuades Jo, a young crossing sweeper, to show her the haunts of the late Captain Hawdon. Starring Diana Rigg and Denholm Elliott (Ceefax).

9.55 **Open Space: Ungentlemanly Conduct?** A documentary about the six-year-old women's rugby team from the small Welsh village of Magor, near Newport. The men and women of the village discuss their differing views on a woman's place (see Choice).

10.25 **Newsnight.**

11.20 **Weather.** 11.25 Interval.

11.30 **Open University:** Health and Disease: Dirty Old Town? 11.55 Biology: Power Plants of the Cell. Ends at 12.25.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 **Channel Four Racing from Epsom,** introduced by Brough Scott. Coverage of four races – the Great Metropolitan Stakes (2.35); the Racal-Vodaphone Blue Riband Trial Stakes (3.05); the Minoru Stakes (3.35); and the Racal Electronics Stakes (4.10).

4.30 **Isaura the Slave Girl.** Episode eight of the 30-part Brazilian made soap opera and Tobias makes it plain to Leoncio that he is not welcome in his house. Followed by **Fantastico,** the sights and sounds of modern-day Brazil.

5.30 **Farming on 4.** This week's edition of the farming magazine programme includes four young farmers from west Wales who have rejected the conventional chemical approach to agriculture in favour of organic farming which, they believe, is environmentally less damaging, creates more jobs and provides a quality of food that is in ever-increasing demand.

6.00 **Ever Thought of Sport?** The third programme in the series designed to encourage young people to try a variety of adventure sports examines underwater diving.

6.30 **The Making of a Climbing Series.** Everest conqueror, Chris Bonington, previews a new series beginning on this channel on Saturday. Bonington is seen scaling, in the mist and rain, Scafell in the Lake District.

7.00 **Channel Four News** includes a report on the British computer company, ICL, who today announced details of its new, large computer and its future software strategy.

7.50 **Comment.** The political slot this week is taken by Simon Hughes, the Liberal MP for Southwark and Bermondsey. Weather.

8.00 **How Wars End.** In part three of this series, historian A. J. P. Taylor discusses the First World War and the Armistice.

8.30 **Diverse Reports.** Christopher Hird examines the changes that are planned in the way the City of London operates.

9.00 **Dance on Four: Natalia Makarova in 'A Class of her Own'.** A profile of the celebrated prima ballerina as she takes two ballet classes at the Royal Opera House dance studio. With Roland Petit and Irina Yakobsen.

10.00 **Low Grant.** The series begins with Lou taking up his new job of city desk editor of the Los Angeles Tribune (shown previously on ITV).

11.00 **Visions: British Film's Last Year Two** films, a drama and a documentary, the first written by Alan Drury, the second directed by Marc Karlin.

11.55 **Book Four.** Peter Ackroyd, Adam Mars-Jones and Jill Neville, with presenter, Hermione Lee, discuss a selection of the latest paperbacks and hardbacks

12.15 **Closedown.**

Radio 4

On long wave. † Also stereo VHF.

5.55 **Shipping.** 6.00 am News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day.

6.30 **Today,** including: 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 **News.**

9.05 **Midweek: Libby Purves** and studio guests.†

10.00 **News; Gardeners' Question Time** visits Staffordshire where members of the Codsall Gardening Society put their questions.

10.30 **Morning Story: 'Isabella's Eyes'** by Marge Blaine. Reader: Jill Balcon.

10.45 **Daily Service** (New Every Morning page 21).†

11.00 **News; Travel; Three Hundred Years A Soldier.** Ivan Rendall tells the story of 'Our Royal Regiment of Fusiliers' (r).

11.48 **English Now.** David Crystal returns with the first of 10 programmes.

12.00 **News; You and Yours.** Consumer affairs, with John Howard.

12.27 **The Meistersprings.** Six-part serial by thriller writer Berkel Mather (1) Spring in the Air (r).† 12.55 Weather.

1.00 **The World At One: News.**

1.40 **The Archers.** 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 **News; Woman's Hour.** Including an interview with the novelist Margaret Drabble, and episode eight of part two of The Summer of the Barshinskeys.

3.00 **The Afternoon Play: Relics,** by Anna Fox. With Harry Andrews and Elizabeth Sellars. Two people, called to a large country house for a job interview, are drawn together by the strangeness of their situation.†

3.47 **Time For Verse.** A selection of poems compiled and presented by Dannie Abse. The readers: Freda Dowie and David Brierley.

4.00 **News; File On 4** (new series). Roisin McAuley compares the British and American newspaper industries (r).

4.40 **Story Time: 'A Night To Remember'** by Walter Lord. Abridged in 10 parts. (8): It reminds me of a bloomin' picnic. Reader: Brian Gear.

5.00 **PM: News Magazine.** 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 **The Six O'clock News; Financial Report.**

6.30 **After Henry.** Comedy series starring Prunella Scales, Joan Sanderson, and Gerry Cowper (2).

7.00 **News.**

7.05 **The Archers.**

7.20 **Checkpoint.** Roger Cook returns with a six-week run of his award-winning investigation programme.

7.45 **Groundswell** (new series) Environment matters, presented by Hugh Sykes. Tonight: Acid-rain, public inquiries, and an environmental film festival.

8.15 **In Business.** Peter Hobday reports on garden centres – attractive business or risky venture . . . ?

8.45 **Between earth and sky.** Last of three reflections on rural life in Victorian England, by Neil Philip

9.30 **Where death delights.** Modern-day forensic medicine. With Dr David Whittaker, forensic dentist.

9.45 **Kaleidoscope.** Arts magazine. Comment on As You Like It, at the RSC Stratford-upon-Avon.

10.15 **A Book at Bedtime: 'A Moveable Feast'** by Ernest Hemmingway. Abridged in, eight parts. (8:) Scott Fitzgerald. Reader: David Buck. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 **The World Tonight,** including 11.00 Headlines.

11.15 **The Financial World Tonight.**

11.30 **Today in Parliament.**

12.00 **News; Weather** 12.33 Shipping. VHF (available in England and S Wales only) Radio 4 vhg is as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4: Get by in Portuguese. 11.30-12.10am Open University: 11.30 Modern Art: Munch. 11.50 Deputy Heads: The Case for Specialism.

Radio 3

5.55 **Weather.** 7.00 **News.**

7.05 **Your Midweek Choice: Walter Leigh's Agincourt Overture** (New Philharmonia/Braithwaite); **Rimsky-Korsakov's Song of the Indian Guest** (Smirnoff, tenor); **Mozart's String Quintet K 515** (Esterhazy String Quartet with Wim Ten Have, cello). † 8.00 **News.**

8.05 **Your Midweek Choice** (contd): **Crusell's Clarinet Quartet No 2 in C major Op 7** (Thea King/Allegri Quartet members); **Sibelius's Two Shakespeare Songs Op 60** (Krause, baritone and Benell, guitar); **Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker suite** (Amsterdam Concertgebouw/Dorati). † 9.00 News.

9.05 **This Week's Composers: The English Madrigalists:** Consort of Musicke under Rooley, with Hogwood (virginals). Works by Gibbons, including The silver swan; O that the learned poets; Pavan and Galliard.†

9.45 **Mayr's overture Medea in Corinto** (Clarion Concerts Orchestra under Newell Jenkins); **Barber's ballet suite Medea, Op 23** (Eastman-Rochester Orchestra under Howard Hanson).†

10.20 **Clarinet and Piano: Colin Bradbury** (clarinet) and **Oliver Davies. Draeseke's Sonata in B flat Op 38; and Loewe's Schottische Bilder, Op 112.†**

11.00 **BBC Welsh SO** (under Delogu). With Maldie Gough (soprano) and Peter Hall (tenor). **Haydn's Symphony No 85; John Tavener's Seferis: 16 Haiku; Schumann's Symphony No 4.†**

12.15 **Concert Hall: Brodsky String Quartet. Mendelssohn's E minor quartet Op 44 No 2: Fugue (Four Pieces for String Quartet Op 81 No 4).†** 1.00 **News.**

1.05 **Jazz: recordings made by the American pianist Bill Evans in 1979.**

1.30 **Matinee Musicale: Langham Chamber Orchestra** (under Braithwaite), with Alan Brown (piano). **Rossini's overture The Silken Ladder; Moeran's Toccata; Mozart's Six Kontretanze K 462; Finzi's Eclogue; Honegger's Pastorale d'été; Liszt's Au bord d'une source; Arnold's Sinfonietta No 1 Op 48.†**

2.25 **Bax Violin Sonatas: Dennis Simons** (violin) with **Keith Swallow** (piano). **Violin Sonata No 3.†**

2.50 **Pizzetti and Respighi: Pizzetti's La Pisanella** (Suisse Romande under Gardelli); **the Canti della stagione alta** (Borini, piano Bavarian Radio Orchestra under Albert).

4.00 **Choral Evensong: from Chapel of King's College, Cambridge: a live transmission.†** 4.55 News.

5.00 **Mainly for Pleasure: another of Michael Berkeley's selections.†**

5.30 **Choral Voices: Lutoslawski's Three Children's Songs; Mr Tralalinsky; and Four Finnish Folk Songs** (SNO Junior Chorus, with Alexandra Melrose (piano). **And Fauré's Messe basse; and Stravinsky's Four Russian Peasant Songs** (Waverley Singers, with Morley Whitehead, organ).†

7.00 **Debut: International Young Artists Aurali Blaszczok** (violin), **Vlastimil Mares** (clarinet) and **Csaba Vegvari** (piano). **Becewicz's Sonata for solo violin; his Polish Caprice; and Poulenc's Sonata for clarinet and piano.†**

7.30 **Opium Eater: Play by Andre Dallmeyer,** with **Neil Cunningham** and **Russell Hunter.** (r).

8.30 **Northern Sinfonia** (under Bedford). With **David Haslam** (flute) and **Colin Kellett** (cor anglais). **Mozart's Symphony No 17; Mendelssohn's Scherzo, Capriccio and Fugue Op 81; Honegger's Concerto da Camera; Haydn's Symphony No 76.†**

9.40 **Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts,** monitored by the BBC. With **Ian McDougall.**

10.00 **Mona Lisa.** the opera by Max von Schillings. Sung in German. Christopher Perick conducts the Baden State Opera forces with soloists including Hans Klamer, Sylvia Anderson and Werner Gotz.†

11.57 **News.** 12.00 **Closedown.**

VHF only: Open University. From 6.35am to 6.55 A Community to Retire In?

Radio 2

On medium wave. † Also VHF stereo. News on the hour (except 9.00 am) Headlines 5.30 am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00 am Howard Peace.† 6.00 Bill Rennells.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young.† 1.05 Sports Desk; David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford † incl 2.02; 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music All The Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton † incl 4.02; 5.05 Sports Desk.† 6.00 John Dunn † incl 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.45port and Classified Results (MF) only. 8.00 European Soccer Special. (Panathinaikos v Liverpool: Everton v Bayern Munich). 9.30 Listen to the Band. With Charlie Chester (Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band).† 9.55 Sports Desk.† 10.00 The Cambridge Buskers.† 10.15 Tom Mennard Tells Local Tales.† 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory.† 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight).† 1.00 am Charles Nove presents Nightride.† 3.00 Niall Murray Sings.† 3.30-4.00 Non-Stop Stutz (with Steve Faye and Vince Billington).†

Radio 1

On medium wave. † Also VHF stereo. News on the half hour from 6.30 am until 9.30 am and at 12.00 midnight. 6.00 am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates (11.00 interview with Elton John).† 12.00 Gary Davies including 12.30 pm Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long.† 10.00-12.00 John Peel.† VHF RADIOS 1 & 2. 4.00 am With Radio 2.† 8.00 pm String Sound. 8.30 Syd Lawrence in Concert. 9.10 Listen to the Band. With Charlie Chester (Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band). 9.30 With Radio 2. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00 am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.09 World News. 7.09 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 Report on Religion. 7.45 That's Trad 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflection. 8.15 Classical Record Review. 8.30 Ralph McTell and Friends. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Kicking up the Dust. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 Cathedral Heritage. 10.30 My World 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Hunger. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-four Hours. 1.30 British String Quartet. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Report on Religion. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 The Pleasures of Seeking. 3.30 Yes Minister. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Counterpoint. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 A Letter From Wales. 5.15 Monitor. 5.25 New Ideas. 5.30 New Ideas. 5.40 Book Choice. 5.00 World News. 9.15 International Soccer Special. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 A Letter From Wales. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Good Books. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Yes Minister. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Waveguide. 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 Monitor 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 A Word in Edgewise. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 International Soccer Special. 5.45 The World Today.

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CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Something to Treasure. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Simon and Simon. 5.15-5.45 Newshound. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.00 Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

ULSTER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Something to treasure. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Paint along with Nancy. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster. 11.55 News. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Bygones. 1.20 News. 1.25-1.30 Where the jobs are. 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.00 Food Glorious Food. Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Never mind the handicap. 1.20 News. 1.30 Job spot. 1.35-3.00 Film: Masquerader' (Ronald Coleman). 3.30-4.00 Report back. 5.15-5.45 Comedy tonight. 6.00-6.35 News and Scotland today. 10.30 Scotsport. 12.00 Late call, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar lunchtime live. 1.20 Calendar. 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest. 5.15-5.45 The Game. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.00 Portrait of a Legend. 12.30am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.55am-12.00 All Bongo. 12.30pm-1.00 Keep it in the Family. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Different Strokes. 6.00 Channel report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Birell Lagrene. 12.00 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans. 1.20 News. 1.30 Whose Baby? 2.00-2.30 Look Who's Talking. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Starkids. 6.00-6.30 Coast to Coast. 12.00 Jazz. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 11.55am-12.00 Professor Kitzel. 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans. 1.20-1.30 Granada Reports. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.00 Freeze Frame.

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Clegg's People. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Gambit. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.00 News, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Keep it in the Family. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.25-2.30 Home Cookery. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Scene South West. 12.00 Postscript, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Whose Baby? 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Cartoon Alphabet. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 10.30 Scotsport. 12.00 News, Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 It's a Vet's Life. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Hart to Hart. 5.15-5.45 Three Little Words. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.00 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Vintage Quiz. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.515-5.45 Ace Crawford, private eye. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.00 That's Hollywood. 12.30am Seeing and Believing, Closedown.

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Racing Princess takes flat debut in her stride









The princess celebrates after the race by accepting a memento from Lester Piggott

By Alan Hamilton

It was not the horse's fault, Princess Anne declared gallantly; it would probably have gone faster with somebody else on board.

But her bay colt Against the grain went faster than the twelve behind to give the Princess a creditable fourth place in her flat racing debut over the Derby course at Epsom yesterday.

The Princess, who is more used to the rigours of three-day eventing, said that the 1.5 mile race, covered in a shade over two minutes 50secs, was over too quickly for her to feel any fear.

By Tattenham corner, the Princess, in distinctive Royal blue and red stripes, was holding on to sixth place and going well. In the home straight she coaxed a final spurt out of her mount ot finish well up with the first three.

The race, which raised well over £20,000 for Riding for the Disabled, was won by the favourite No-U-Turn, ridden by Mrs Elain Mellor.

Photographs by Ian Stewart, Chris Cole, Julian Herbert

Labour MP linked with Russians

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was the WPC which mounted the worldwide campaign to stop the United States making the neutron warhead."

On that issue the WPC's worldwide ability to inspire instant demonstrations in different parts of the world had to be admired, he said.

The growing influence of the British Peace Assembly was reflected by the fact that 18 trade unions and the Scottish TUC were understood to have affiliated to it.

Lord Orr-Ewing went on to attack the National Union of Mineworkers for sending members to the international department of the Higher Schools of Trade Unions in Moscow as well as the attendance of Mr Scargill now the miner's leader. Mr Scargill was also believed to have arranged for selected people to attend courses in Cuba.

Owen outwits Labour in Commons skirmish

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adjourn the sitting for what he called a cooling-off period.

He then held peace talks with representatives from the Government, Labour, SDP and Commons staff, at which the SDP whip, Mr John Cartwright, found himself holding the initiative.

Mr Michael Cocks, Labour's chief whip, promised to persuade his people to give back Dr Owen's seat if he would abandon his claim to the dispatch box. But Mr Cartwright, pressing his advantage, wanted conditions.

He insisted that it was time for the Commons procedure committee to look at the whole question of the position of the Alliance parties, now with 24 MPs, and their claim for an enhanced role in a House where the procedures are ill adapted to the presence of a third party.

The Government's representative, Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, who was neutral between the rival Opposition parties, agreed to an enquiry.

The findings of the committee, which the two main parties naturally dominate, may bring the Alliance little comfort. But its proceedings will focus attention on their firm convictions that present arrangements are unfair.

When Dr Owen's speech began, he criticized the government for failing to make postal ballots, independently supervised, the norm in elections for trade union officers, strike ballots and the forthcoming ballots for political funds.

His views were rejected by Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, but several Conservatives nodded in approval. At the end of the debate, three Tories, Mr Reginald Prentice (Daventry), Mr Conal Gregory (York), and Mr Edward Leigh (Gainsborough and Horncastle), voted with the SPD.

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Letter from Ahmedabad

Berserk police add to caste violence

Twelve bodies were brought yesterday to the civil hospital in Ahmedabad; said to be the biggest hospital in Asia, but there are many claimants to the title. Seven people had been burnt to death, three had been stabbed, two died of gunshots.

This was the overnight toll in the bloody outbreak of civil strife which has turned the streets of the city into curfew-bound desolation, littered them with burnt-out trucks, buses and jeeps and set one citizen against another.

Last night Bupunagar was still burning. It is an outer suburban slum, filled with low shanties and one-storey blocks of municipal housing, with occasional blocks of multi-storey flats, known generally as a "labour" area.

The smoke rose from a series of newish tenements – Bupunagar is an expanding area – where flames licked round deserted doorways. Charred curtains swung in the breeze, bonfires of furniture, which principally meant those string cots called *charpoys* on which the vast majority of Indians sleep, smouldered. In the empty rooms tin trays and eating dishes hung on blackened walls.

This was Nicol Road, an area where there are a few rows of Muslim houses amongst some acres of Hindus. At 6am yesterday the gangs of riot-inflamed Hindus arrived to burn them out.

The Muslims had nothing to do with the principal subject of the agitation in Gujarat state, of which Ahmedabad is the largest city. The agitation is to do with the favoured status in getting university places and government jobs which is being given to the lower castes at the expense of the higher ones.

Two months ago the higher castes revolted and began a campaign of increasing violence against the state government which promised to introduce 18 per cent more reserved places. The proposal has not been acted upon. The state government says it will not be acted upon until there has been a full inquiry into the subject, but the higher castes have taken no notice and have carried on rioting, now against the whole system of reserved places, which has been an article of faith in Indian society since independence.

The *Harijans* – those untouchables called by Mahatma Gandhi "God's people" – have rioted in their turn, fearing that their own privileges would disappear in the turmoil Both sides then turned on the Muslims, presumable simply because they were Muslims and at such tense times they are a traditional target.

Then on Sunday everything took a turn for the worse. During one of the riots a policeman had his hands chopped off by a demonstrator wielding a razor sharp bill-hook. He died in hospital. The police have recently become the target for much abuse from the press and the law courts for excesses in putting down some of the disturbances.

In fact the policeman, Head Constable Laxman Desai, was engaged on guarding a fact-finding committee investigating allegations of police burtality. The police went berserk.

When it became known that Constable Desai had died, a mob of them gathered at the hospital and beat up any press man they could find. They naturally found quite a few at such a sensitive news point. Then they marched off to the offices of a Gujarat language newspaper and set it on fire.

After the fire brigade came and put it out and rescued a number of the owners and staff, a mob of *Harijans* arrived and set it alight again. Since the police had no interest in curbing further mayhem the wildness continued until finally the army came out on the streets again and restored order.

The leaders of the agitation have now officially called the demonstrations off, appalled by the violence that they have unleashed. Altogether, up to 50 people have died in the state as a result of the agitation. As night fell and the city sweated under curfew while the ruins of houses shops and factories smoked gently the tension was still high between the communities and between the castes.

Michael Hamlyn

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Princess Anne attends the Northern Heritage Trust's reception at Blagdon, Eaton Burn, Newcastle upon Tyne, 5.35; and later, as Patron, the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, attends the Newcastle upon Tyne East Federation's 50th anniversary dinner at the Newcastle upon Tyne Civic Centre, 7.30.

The Duke of Gloucester visits the Area Careers Office, Belsize House, Brunswick Square, Gloucester, 11.15; "Prospect Workshops", 12.05, and Gloucestershire Adult Training Centre, 12.25; later he visits Picklenash County Junior School, Newent, 2.15.

New Exhibition

Instamatic Views of New York: photographs by Pogus Caesar; E M Flint Gallery, Walsall Museum and Art Gallery, Central Library, Lichfield St, Walsall; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 4.45 (ends May 14).

Exhibitions in progress

Prints by Manet: Bristol Museum and Art Gallery, Queens Rd, Bristol; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends April 27).

Sculpture and drawings by John Davies; Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, University of East Anglia, Norwich; Tues to Sun 12 to 5 (ends June 2).

Shorelines: three artists from Orkney; Collins Gallery, Strathclyde University, 22 Richmond St, Glasgow; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 12 to 4 (ends April 30).

Art by architects; Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum, 40 Albert Place, Sterling; Wed to Sun 2 to 5 (ends May 12).

Recent paintings by Donald McIntyre; Phoenix Gallery, Lavenham, Suffolk; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 6 (ends April 30).

Last chance to see

Canadian Holography Now; Artspace Gallery, 21 Castle St, Aberdeen, 10 to 5.30.

Music

Concert to the Holburne Group; The Downs School, Malvern, Worcs, 7.30.

Organ recital by Thomas Trotter; Birmingham Town Hall, 1.

Concert by the Northern Sinfonia; Newcastle City Hall, 7.45.

Recital by Heather Corbett (percussion), James Durrant (viola) and David Davies (flute); Studio Theatre, Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow, 7.30.

Concert by the Quantz Ensemble; St Mary's Church, Clifton upon Dunsmore, Warwicks, 7.30.

Recital by Raymond Burley and John Mills (guitar duo); Bamptons Arts Centre, Town Hall, Oxon, 7.30.

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra; Winter Gardens, Bournemouth, 7.30.

Talks, lectures

Sculpture and drawings of John Davies, by Prof Norbert Lynton; Lecture Theatre 1, University of East Anglia, Norwich, 7.30.

Photographic document in the Czechoslovak context, by Pavel Büchler; John Hansard Gallery, The University, Southampton, 8.

General

Book Fair; Fisher Hall, Cambridge, 10 to 5.

Antiques Fair; The Showground, Ardingly, Nr. Haywards Heath, W Sussex, 7.30am. to 4.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on White Paper on financial services in the United Kingdom.

Lords (2.30): Debates on housing, on chemical weapons, and on cultural heritage.

Best wines

In a blind tasting of 47 Cabernets from the southern hemisphere, 12 were chosen as offering excellent value:

1981 Cabernet Sauvignon, Brown Brothers Milawa Estate, Majestic Wine Warehouses (01-889 9387), £4.77;

1981 Santa Digna Cabernet Sauvignon, Miguel Torres, Chile, The Wine Gallery (01-675 2565), £4;

1981 Cabernet Sauvignon, Rosemount Estate, Thresher (07073-28244), £4.99;

1981 Mildara Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon, Alex Findlater (01-624 7311), £5.50;

1979 South Australian Cabernet Sauvignon-Shiraz, Berri Estates, Alex Findlater (01-624 7311), £3.90;

1979 Huntington Estate Mudgee Cabernet Sauvignon Bin FB22, Averys of Bristol (0272-214141), £5.68;

1979 Orlando Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon, Alex Findlater (01-624 7311), £5.50;

1975 Andean Vineyards Argentine Cabernet Sauvignon, Stevens Garnier (01-730 9780), £3.25;

1980 Idyll Vineyard Geelong Cabernet/Shiraz, The Wine Studio (01-730 7596), £6.99;

1980 Chateau Reynella Claret Vintage Reserve, Australian Forwarding Agency (01-836 1676), £4.75;

1980 Penfolds Bin 389 South Australian Cabernet/Shiraz, Sainsbury Bros. (0225-60481), £6.45;

1980 Seppelt Reserve Bin South Eastern Australia Cabernet Sauvignon, J. B. Reynier (01-834 2917), £4.54.

Source: *What Wine*, May 1985.

New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

A Path From Rome, autobiography, by Anthony Kenny (Sidgwick & Jackson, £15)

Art Beyond the Gallery in Early Twentieth-Century England, by Richard Cork (Yale, £40)

Distinctions, by Arnold Wesker (Cape, £12.50)

Going Bust: Inside the Bankruptcy Business, by Stephen Aris (Andre Deutsch, £8.95)

Love Lessons, A Wartime Diary, by Joan Wyndham (Heinemann, £9.95)

Lady Gregory, The Woman Behind the Irish Renaissance, by Mary Lou Kohfeldt (Andre Deutsch, £12.95)

Rome: The Biography of a City, by Christopher Hibbert (Viking, £14.95)

The Book Book, by Anthony Blond (Cape, £9.95)

The Cathedrals of England, Southern England, by Nikolaus Pevsner and Priscilla Metcalf (Viking, £25)

The Stories of Katherine Mansfield, definitive edition, edited by Anthony Alpers (Oxford, £17.50)

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Roads

Wales and West: A5: Roadworks at three seperate locations between Corwen and Oswestry involving temporary traffic lights and delays at Llangollen and Chirk (24 hours). A361: Resurfacing work between Barnstaple and Brampton; temporary traffic lights operating at Old Convent.

The North: A1 (M): Lane closures on either side of the bridge at Coatham Mundeville interchange, co Durham. M6: Lane closures on both carriageways between junction 20 (M56) and junction 21 (Warrington), in preparation for resurfacing programme.

Scotland: A92: City of Aberdeen: Water main work between North Donside Rd and Parkway along Ellon Rd; lane closures on southbound carriageway. A90: Resurfacing on Forth Rd bridge; one lane only in each direction except for peak periods; diversion for HGV's via Kincardine bridge; delays. A907: Single line traffic on Victoria Rd, Kirkaldy; delays at peak periods.

Information supplied by the A.A.

Anniversaries

Births: Edmund Cartwright, inventor of wool-combing machine, Marnham, Nottinghamshire, 1743; Anthony Trollope, London, 1815; Marcus Clarke, author of *For the Term of his Natural Life*, London, 1846.

Deaths: Daniel Defoe, London, 1731; Marie Taglioni, ballerina, Marseille, France, 1884; Willa Cather, novelist, New York, 1947.

First issue of the *Daily Express*, 1900.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

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The papers

The Daily Express, commenting on Mr Roy Hattersley's offer to Britain's trade unions of a new economic "compact" with the Labour Party, says that "the last time a Labour government and the unions had a solemn and binding agreement – 'in the national interest' – we saw rats scurrying through rubbish-strewn streets. And the dead went unburied". The paper adds: "Who will advise on energy? Arthur Scargill? And trade union reform? Ron Todd? The mind boggles."

The Daily Star says that the row over nurses pay could be solved quite simply by Mr Norman Fowler "recalling past promises and keeping his word". The paper adds however, that Mrs Margaret Thatcher is quite "adamant" that public services pay rises should be kept within a three per cent ceiling, but says: "Surely this is a time for the Iron Lady to bend".

Cyprus air strike

A strike by Cyprus Airways employees has stranded passengers at Larnaca international airport for up to 24 hours. An airline official last night said the Cypriot government had now intervened to prevent the dispute damaging the island's tourist industry.

Mr Andreas Demetriou, the airline's UK manager, said he hoped flights could be back to normal today.

Enigma

Only one of the digits in the telephone number is repeated – it is repeated only once. None of the 4 digits in the other number is repeated.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.05	1.92
Austria Sch	28.05	28.65
Belgium Fr	80.55	78.75
Canada $	1.79	1.71
Denmark Kr	14.40	13.70
Finland Mkk	8.37	7.97
France Fr	12.15	11.60
Germany DM	3.68	3.50
Greece Dr	180.00	170.00
Hong Kong $	10.30	9.70
Ireland Pt	1.38	1.22
Italy Lire	2,545.00	2,425.00
Netherlands Gld	331.00	315.00
Norway Kr	4.51	4.29
Portugal Esc	11.85	11.04
South Africa Rd	222.00	212.00
Spain Pta	2.75	2.45
Sweden Kr	220.00	209.00
Switzerland Fr	11.85	11.10
USA $	3.30	3.14
Yugoslavia Dnr	1.53	1.27
	322.00	302.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 386.1.

London: The *FT* Index closed down 12.0 at 959.6

Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure will persist to the West of Britain with a depression becoming slow moving over Scandinavia; a cold front will move S across N and central areas today.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, SW England, East Anglia, Midlands, S Wales: Mainly dry with sunny periods; wind light; max temp 14C (57F).

E, NW, central N, NE England, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Sunny at first, becoming cloudy with some rain in places later; wind W, moderate; max temp 12C (54F).

Channel Islands: Dry with sunny periods; wind NE moderate becoming light, max temp 11C (52F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Bright at first becoming cloudy with some rain, brighter again later; wind W veering N moderate; max temp 12C (54F), becoming colder.

Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, becoming a little brighter with wintry showers; wind NW moderate increasing to fresh or strong; temp 8C (43F).

Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals and frequent wintry showers; wind NW strong; max temp 6C (43f).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Rain at first in the S, otherwise wintry showers and sunny intervals; cold with widespread night frost.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind N Backing W moderate or fresh; fair; visibility good; sea moderate becoming slight. **Strait of Dover, English Channel (E):** Wind N Strong becoming variable light; fair; visibility good; sea rough becoming slight. **St Georges Channel:** Wind variable light becoming NW moderate or fresh; fair; visibility good; sea slight becoming moderate. **Irish Sea:** Wind variable light becoming NW fresh or strong; rain later; visibility good; sea slight becoming rough.

Sun rises: 5.46 am Sun sets: 8.12 pm

Moon sets: 12.07 am Moon rises: 7.33 am

First quarter: April 28.

Lighting-up time

London 8.42 pm to 5.14 am
Bristol 8.52 pm to 5.24 am
Edinburgh 8.8 pm to 5.18 am
Manchester 8.56 pm to 5.17 am
Penzance 9.00 pm to 6.40 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	s 8	46	Guernsey	c 9	48
Birmingham	c 7	45	Inverness	f 7	45
Blackpool	f 8	46	Jersey	f 10	50
Bristol	c 7	45	London	f 9	48
Cardiff	c 7	45	Manchester	f 8	46
Edinburgh	f 8	46	Newcastle	c 7	45
Glasgow	f 9	48	Ronaldsway	s 9	48

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am. to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (41F). Humidity: 6 pm, 48 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 6.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,022.4 millibars rising.
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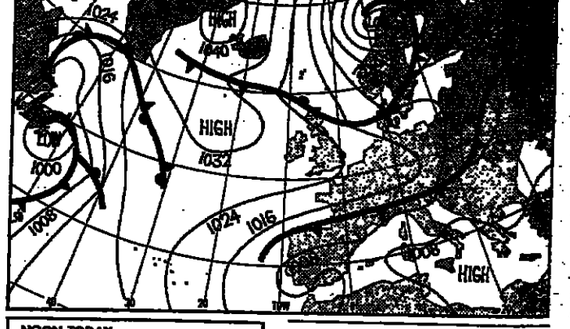
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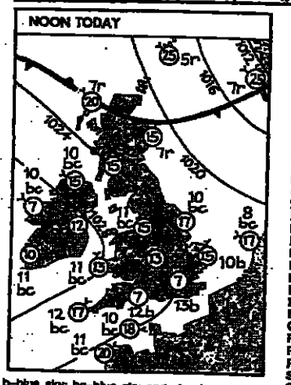
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Penzance, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Scarborough, 0.04in; highest sunshine: Tiree, 12.9hr.

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b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.58	6.7	5.14	6.8
Aberdeen	4.24	3.8	4.41	3.7
Avonmouth	10.22	11.9	10.29	11.5
Belfast	2.12	3.0	2.27	2.9
Cardiff	10.07	11.0	10.14	10.8
Devonport	8.45	4.9	8.57	5.0
Dover	1.45	6.1	2.06	5.9
Falmouth	8.16	4.7	8.27	4.8
Glasgow	3.56	4.7	4.20	4.5
Harwich	2.47	3.8	3.06	3.7
Holyhead	1.14	5.1	1.35	5.0
Hull	9.25	6.7	9.46	6.6
Ilfracombe	8.04	8.3	8.13	8.2
Leith	5.41	4.9	5.57	5.0
Liverpool	2.06	8.7	2.26	8.5
Lowestoft	12.25	2.2	12.44	2.2
Margate	2.57	4.5	3.13	4.5
Milford Haven	9.19	6.3	9.30	6.3
Newquay	8.10	6.4	8.21	6.4
Oban	8.44	3.6	8.47	3.5
Penzance	7.48	4.9	8.00	5.1
Portland	9.51	1.7	10.01	1.7
Portsmouth	2.25	4.3	2.50	4.1
Shoreham	1.55	5.7	2.18	5.6
Southampton	1.46	4.2	2.07	4.1
Swansea	9.27	8.8	9.36	8.6
Tees	6.47	4.8	7.05	4.8
Weston-on-Mare	2.40	3.9	2.57	3.8

Tide measurement to metres: 1m=3.280ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	6.7	.04	9	48	sunny
Bridlington	8.2	0.3	10	50	sunny pm
Cromer	5.0	–	8	46	bright
Lowestoft	5.5	–	9	48	sunny pm
Clacton	8.1	–	10	50	sunny pm
Margate		–	8	46	bright
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	4.3	.01	9	48	sunny pm
Hastings	2.9	–	10	50	sunny pm
Eastbourne	1.6	–	10	51	cloudy
Brighton	4.0	–	10	50	bright
Worthing	4.6	–	11	52	sunny pm
Littlehmptn	5.1	–	12	54	sunny pm
Bognor R	6.3	–	12	54	sunny pm
Southsea	4.7	–	12	54	sunny pm
Sandown	4.5	–	12	54	sunny pm
Shanklin	4.1	–	11	52	bright
Bournemth	5.0	–	12	54	sunny pm
Poole	5.3	–	12	54	bright pm
Swanage	4.7	–	10	50	sunny pm
Weymouth	6.0	–	11	52	sunny pm
Exmouth	3.3	–	11	52	sunny pm
Teignmouth	3.4	–	11	52	sunny pm
Torquay	2.3	–	11	52	bright pm
Falmouth	5.0	–	12	54	sunny
Penzance	6.4	–	13	55	sunny
Jersey	3.3	–	12	54	cloudy
Guernsey	2.8	–	11	52	gale
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	4.7	–	9	48	sunny am
Newquay	8.1	–	13	55	bright
Ilfracombe	4.8	–	10	50	sunny pm
Tenby	5.8	–	11	52	sunny
Colwyn Bay	7.8	–	10	50	sunny pm
Southport	8.7	–	11	52	sunny pm
Morecambe	8.3	–	10	50	sunny
Douglas	11.5	–	10	50	sunny
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Cnt)	8.2	–	12	54	sunny pm
B'ham (Airpt)	3.5	–	10	50	sunny pm
Bristol (Cnt)	5.8	–	11	52	sunny pm
Cardiff (Cnt)	4.8	–	10	50	sunny pm
B'pool (Airpt)	8.7	–	11	52	sunny
Manchester	6.5	–	10	50	sunny pm
Nottingham	6.1	–	10	50	sunny pm
N'cstl-o-Tyne		–			
Carlisle	6.5	–	10	50	bright
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	7.5	–	8	46	sunny
Prestwick	9.3	–	11	52	sunny
Glasgow	10.4	–	11	52	sunny
Tiree	12.9	–	9	48	sunny
Stornoway	8.9	–	8	46	sunny pm
Lerwick	8.9	–	8	46	sunny am
Wick	8.3	.01	7	45	sunny
Kinloss	8.3	–	9	48	sunny pm
Aberdeen	9.8	.02	9	48	sunny
St. Andrews	8.1	–	8	46	sunny pm
Edinburgh	7.0	.01	9	48	sunny
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	10.0	–	10	50	sunny pm

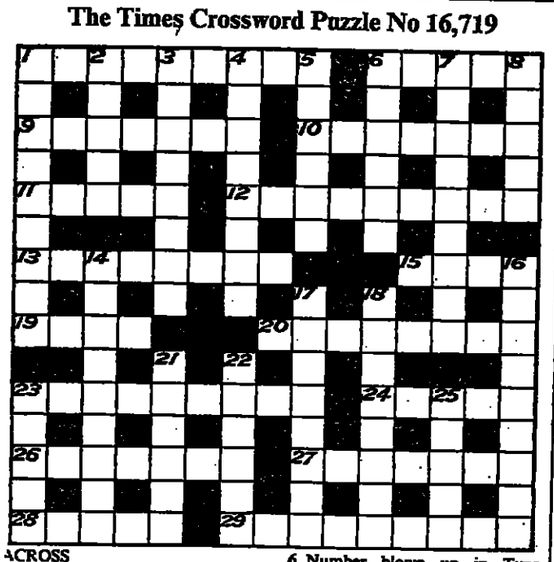
Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	18	64	Cologne	c	8	46	Majorca	f	19	66
Alicante	f	20	68	Copenhagen	sn	2	36	Malaga	f	17	63
Alexandria	s	22	72	Corfu	f	17	63	Malta	f	20	68
Algiers	s	21	70	Dublin	f	9	48	Melbourne	s	19	66
Amsterdam	c	8	46	Dubrovnik	f	17	63	Mexico C*	s	24	75
Athens	f	19	66	Faro	c	14	57	Miami*	c	27	81
Bahrain	s	32	90	Florence*	c	19	66	Milan	s	19	66
Barbados				Frankfurt	f	14	57	Montreal*	s	16	61
Barcelona	f	16	61	Funchal	c	16	61	Moscow	f	17	63
Beirut	s	20	68	Geneva	s	17	63	Munich	f	14	57
Belgrade	s	21	70	Gibraltar	f	17	63	Nairobi	f	23	73
Berlin	s	8	46	Helsinki	f	4	39	Naples*	s	22	72
Bermuda*	s	22	72	Hong Kong	s	26	79	New Delhi	s	37	99
Biarritz	r	9	48	Innsbruck	c	14	57	New York*	s	23	73
Bologne	c	6	43	Istanbul	s	15	59	Nice	s	18	64
Bordeaux	c	16	61	Jeddah	s	29	84	Oslo	s	7	45
Brussels	c	8	46	Jo'burg*	s	22	72	Paris	c	11	52
Budapest	s	21	70	Karachi	s	33	91	Perth	s	27	81
Buen Aires*	c	20	68	Las Palmas	f	20	68	Prague	f	15	59
Cairo	s	24	75	Lisbon	r	9	48	Reykjavik	sn	5	41
Capa Tn	f	19	66	Locarno	s	18	64	Rhodes	s	20	68
Chicago*	c	26	79	L Angeles*	f	17	63	Riyadh	f	38	88
Ch'church*	s	13	55	Luxemburg	s	10	50	Rio de Jan	s	23	73
				Madrid	c	12	54	Rome	c	18	61
								Salzburg	f	17	63
								Sao Paulo*	c	30	86
								S Francisco*	s	16	61
								Santiago*	s	28	77
								Seoul	c	10	50
								Singapore			
								Stockholm	f	4	39
								Strasbourg	c	14	57
								Sydney	c	17	63
								Tangier	s	18	61
								Tel Aviv*	f	17	63
								Tenerife	f	22	72
								Tokyo	s	21	70
								Toronto*	f	18	64
								Tunis	f	18	64
								Valencia	s	20	68
								Vancouver*	s	7	45
								Venice	s	16	61
								Vienna	s	18	64
								Warsaw	c	17	63
								Washington*	s	32	90
								Wellington*	s	16	61
								Zurich	s	14	57

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,719



ACROSS

1 Poor Edith Shaw has suicidal tendency (5,4).
6 In Scotland, not a shilling for VIP (5).
9 Turn right to left in Forster's hill for the coast of India (7).
10 Opening artist left on the upper side (7).
11 Notice a point to alter (5).
12 Spinner holds the record (9).
13 Going round it in boring fashion (8).
15 Has rockfish a voice? (4).
19 Hinder the Admiral? (4).
20 The funny little humpback is in drink (3,5).
23 Film character in new clean-up shows peevishness (9).
24 Pole at home to French artist (5).
26 Turn off left in desert (7).
27 Rich fabric robe cad pulled to pieces (7).
28 Sweet-tin? (5).
29 Force to serve squash to the mob (5-4).

DOWN

1 Conduct, under Mao, eastern revolution (9).
2 Part of official loan for Scots town (5).
3 Naturally they provide residential accommodation (8).
4 Annoyance makes one right about the girl's name (8).
5 Hesitates to indicate those with property on both sides of the river (6).
6 Number blown up in Tyne disaster (6).
7 Girl put on undergarment at home – flighty thing! (4-5).
8 Rubbish found in ship's bottom (5).
14 Sweetheart well up with university student – lovely! (9).
16 In Germany fine Viennese composer reveals his master (9).
17 Honour little Beatrice – she's on her own as egg-producer (5,3).
18 Forged outcrop of debit vouchers (8).
21 Appearing sheepish, but knowing about Common Market (6).
22 Arch 23 *dn* (6).
23 Kind of bike to sell, by the sound of it (5).
25 For a huntswoman, it's a help mounting (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,718

B	I	T	C	H	B	L	A	C	K	S	P	E	D	
A	E	E	A	D	N	O	E							
T	I	N	E	L	A	G	E	C	O	T	R	U	M	P
H	E	P	L	O	T	A	N	D						
S	N	O	W	F	L	A	K	E	M	I	D	A	S	
		R	O	R	N	P							I	
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